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"Florida Southern delivers a value-based, liberal arts education in a familiar atmosphere that fosters exceptionally close, life-shaping relationships. Our purpose is to enlighten, empower and inspire you."

Dr. Thomas Reuschling, President
Florida Southern College



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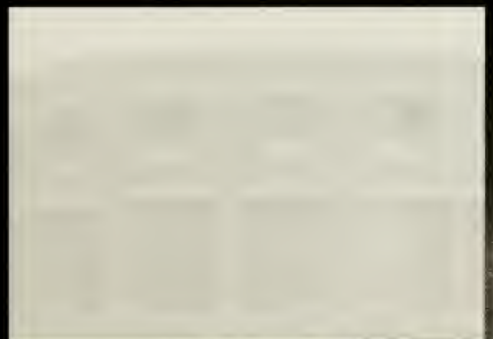
President Reuschling: A Look Back

After ten years of service to Florida Southern College as president, Dr. Thomas L. Reuschling stepped down from his office in 2004.

"It's been my honor and privilege to serve as Florida Southern's 16th president for the past nine years," Reuschling said as addressing his retirement.

Reuschling had a very active presidency and oversaw and encouraged the college to modernize with the passing years while maintaining the sense of tradition and identity that made the school historically strong. To the position, he brought a character and enthusiasm for FSC that inspired the college's faculty, staff, and students for nearly a decade.

The one change that attributed to Reuschling's character most was the strong sense of community and belonging at FSC. He believed the college community was very unified and was proud of that. As college president, Reuschling fostered these feelings in a way visible to every member of the college community. His manner of reaching out to the community not only encouraged friendship and unity, but also inspired others to act in like manner.





Florida Southern College has seen many changes since 1994 under President Reuschling. Enrollment has increased and the college has created new facilities. FSC has even raised record-breaking amounts in its fundraising. This timeline details some of the many improvements and achievements at Florida Southern during Reuschling's presidency.

February 9, 1996:

The Board of Trustees passes a new visitation policy for students starting in the fall. The board also approves a policy that will allow seniors to live off campus.

February 1994:

Dr. Thomas L. Reuschling is appointed by the Board of Trustees Presidential Search Committee to be Florida Southern College's 16th president. He is elected unanimously by the board.

December 2, 1994:

The inauguration ceremony for Reuschling is led by the Board Chairman T. Terrell Sessums.

September 1995:

FSC's freshman class is the largest in 33 years after increased recruitment efforts and cooperation from faculty and staff. The previous year, Reuschling had emphasized that recruitment and enrollment efforts were a priority.



October 1996:

The campus Intranet is constructed. It is a \$1.5 million project.



October 6, 1997:
Reuschling, students, faculty, staff and friends of FSC celebrate the school's 75th year in Lakeland at a cake ceremony in Munn Park.

November 1, 1997:
The Nina B. Hollis Wellness Center is dedicated during family weekend. About 200 guests turned out for the dedication.

September 1998:
Florida Southern moves up to 5th place in the U.S. News and World Report rankings for the best value among liberal arts colleges in the south. FSC is the only college in the top 10 from Florida.

October 1996:
U.S. News and World Report ranks Florida Southern 8th in the best value category for south-regional liberal arts colleges. This ranking confirms that FSC is accomplishing Reuschling's objective that the college become "even more affordable for students wanting to experience a quality liberal arts education."



November 15, 1996:
Reuschling, along with students, faculty and members of the community, participate in a groundbreaking on construction of a wellness center.

February 1997:
For the first time, seniors are allowed to plan their graduation ceremony.

September 1998:
The Publix Charities Commons residence halls are opened to students.

September 1998:
An academic honors program is started for freshmen at FSC.



September 16, 1998:
Reuschling announces the most ambitious fund-raising campaign ever to take place in Polk County and in the college's 114-year history: a \$50 million comprehensive campaign. The five-year campaign, then in its third year, already raised \$42 million in gifts and pledges from trustees, alumni, faculty, staff, friends of the college, and community members.

February 1998:
The board of trustees approves the SGA's plan to extend visitation hours. The rule allows visitation seven days a week for the first time.



September 1999:
FSC moves into fourth in the U.S. News and World Report's rankings for best value among regional liberal arts colleges in the south. "The increase in our ranking can be attributed to the continued improvement in the academic standing in our freshman and an increase in our graduation rate," Reuschling said.

September 1999:
Reuschling goes on sabbatical and visits colleges in the Virginia Beach area, family, and spends one month in New Zealand, Fiji and Australia. He renews his contract with FSC's board of trustees for another five years.



November 1999:
FSC offers classes over the Internet for the first time.

September 1, 2000:
Florida Southern College is ranked ninth in the category of best value for regional liberal arts colleges in the south by U.S. News and World Report.

November 1999:
Florida Southern exceeds its \$50 million goal with a history making capital campaign total, raising \$59,577,396 for capital improvements and increased endowment. The five-year campaign is completed in four years through the gifts of trustees, alumni, faculty, staff, friends of the college, and community members.

November 2000:

The nursing program at FSC is granted accreditation status by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education for five years, the maximum time granted for initial accreditation.



February 16, 2001:

Although they considered the option, FSC's board of trustees receives a recommendation from senior college officials to defer the discussion on a change to university status.

"As interesting as it was to consider becoming a university, we believe that now is not the time for such a move," Reuschling said. "For now, we will continue to focus on our strengths as a college while improving programs and services for our students."

January 2001:

For the first time since 1976, the FSC core curriculum is being reviewed by a working research group of professors. They are asked to come up with both theoretical and practical ideas for what a core curriculum should be and what courses it should include. Reuschling is pleased to see the faculty taking up the challenge of reviewing and revising the school's core.

"In this age we have to be creative in delivering a core that does what it needs to do but in a lively manner," Reuschling said.

March 7, 2001:

Reuschling announces that Dr. Susan P. Conner has been selected as vice president and dean of the college. "She [Conner] has strong people skills and the experience we were looking for," Reuschling said.



August 2001:

The FSC board of trustees approves a visitation policy that replaces desk assistants with the honor system in the upperclassman dorms.

August 2001:

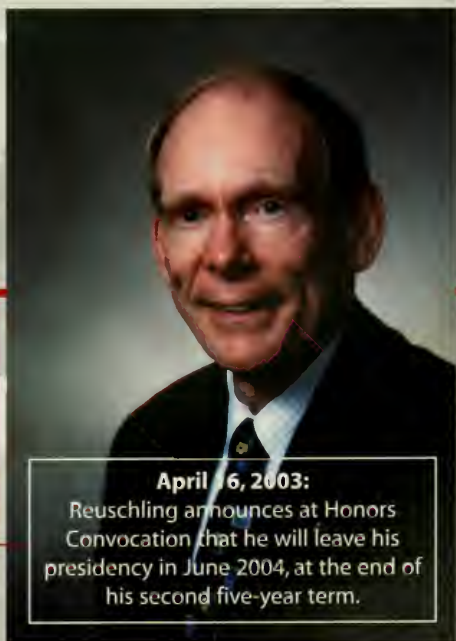
Florida Southern adopts a contemporary logo.

September 2001:

U.S. News and World Report ranks FSC ninth in the southern regional comprehensive college category. FSC also ranks fifth as a best value school for southern liberal arts colleges.

February 1, 2003:

Reuschling expressed his concern over the possibility of proprietary schools being made eligible for Florida Resident Access Grant and believes it will take serious action by students, faculty and parents to stop that move. Reuschling sends an e-mail to students calling them to contact their state legislators and voice their concerns about a reduction in FRAG. "You need to join the fight to save FRAG today – the fight to save a vital form of financial aid for our students," Reuschling said in the e-mail.

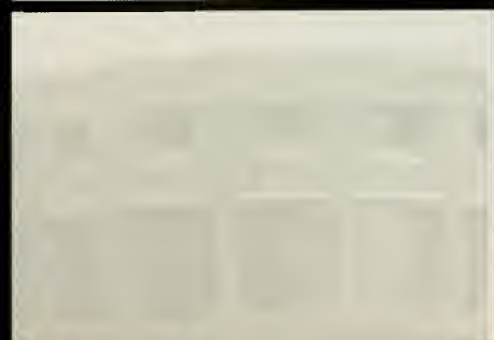


April 6, 2003:

Reuschling announces at Honors Convocation that he will leave his presidency in June 2004, at the end of his second five-year term.

Student Life

One day you were relaxing poolside and soaking in the hot summer sun, not a care or worry in sight. Then, in what seemed like the blink of an eye, you found yourself catapulted back into the swing of things, complete with a whole new school year and all that comes along with it. You might have had the agony of moving your belongings into a room which you would call "home" for the months that followed and your wallet might have seemed empty after visiting the Florida Southern bookstore. This sudden adjustment was soon relieved when new and returning students took part in the activities offered during Disorientation Week. It was then that the students' thoughts of the lazy days of summer faded quickly into memory, and the possibilities of the new school year became glaringly evident.



September Events

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It all began with Blast Off. An afternoon welcoming party filled with activities, music, food, and games. Students spent the night listening to the band I Alive, challenging one another to a race



Two students race to the top of the rock climbing wall.

on the rock-climbing wall, and sliding down the inflatable slide. They enjoyed the free food given out by various organizations on campus, and took some time to walk around to visit the different club tables set up along the soccer field. Not only was it a great opportunity for new students to meet their future classmates, but Blast Off also gave returning students a chance to reunite with the friends they missed over the summer.



Mr. and Mrs. Reuschling found a surprise from the 2003 Freshmen class in their front lawn.



These freshmen men enjoy a game of pool basketball during the O-Week pool party.



Emma DePew waves "Hi" from the SGA table at Blast Off.

The Office of Student Activities referred the week following Blast Off to "Disorientation Week". Many enthusiastic students took part in Disorientation Events such as Club Fest, where students registered to become members of the many organizations and clubs Florida Southern College has to offer them. Over 50 tables advertising different clubs and organizations filled the gym. Another event of Disorientation Week was "Boys with Guitars" with the acoustic guitar players Eric Hutchinson and Blue Sanders. What Fun!



These FSC students enjoy all the snacks at Blast Off.



Ryan Bates, Rich Scierka, Jeremy McKeen and Todd Skrzyniarz serve Root-Ber Floats at Blast Off.

Blast Off



Students at FSC learn about organizations during Club Fest in the Wellness Center in September.

And what could be more fun and relaxing than just chilling out and watching a movie in your dorm room? How about watching the same movie while floating around in the pool with all your friends? Students got the chance to catch one of the biggest hits from Spring 2003, "Catch Me If You Can", starring Leonardo DiCaprio, at the Florida Southern pool. The pool was easily transformed into a little movie theatre while students floated on rafts under the stars at the "Flick and Float."



ACE sponsored band member.



These freshmen cheer on the belly-flop competition at the pool.



Amy Singleton dances away at the Foam Party.



Aaron DeLoach climbs out of the pool after his soccer teammates tossed him in.



ACE sponsored drummer.

A.C.E.



This FSC student becomes a human bowling ball for the night.

Chinua Hawk

Another September event was musical artist, Chinua Hawk. Hawk took the stage at the Bandshell for the A.C.E. organized concert. Hawk is known for his smooth vocals and soulful lyrics. The sounds of the acoustic guitar were a great accompaniment to Hawk's unique sound. He encouraged interaction from his audience, asking them to sing along and what they thought of the various songs. The concert was set up like a coffeehouse complete with free beverages and snacks for the students to enjoy during the show. The students provided a great response to Hawk's performance and his inspirational melodies left a lasting impression on everyone.



FSC students get physical with the rock-climbing wall.



Miranda Crow and Jamie Martens enjoy a campus event.

Disorientation Week

October Events ...



Chaplain Tim Wright and Dr. Smith serve a late breakfast.



ACE members take a break from all their hard work.

On October 4th, faculty, students, and countless members of the community enjoyed a remarkable musical tribute to some of the greatest performers and songwriters in the history of music. With artists ranging all the way from Corelli to Glen Miller, the various soloists and ensembles treated the audience to some of the all time favorites that seemed to transport them back to the time and place the music originated. The year's calendar of musical anniversaries lent itself perfectly to this season's production of "The Milestones in Music II."



Jennie Gordon, Leah Stephens, Katie Fow and Jennifer Mears enjoy french toast at "Get Toasted."



Eirene Gatis and Jackie Martinez



Alisha Bailey, Samantha Ward, Rebecca,
Corey Summers, Amy Singleton
and Lauren DeSpain

A.C.E. and Multicultural Affairs invited Paula Larke to perform for Florida Southern Students at the Bandshell. This was her second performance at Florida Southern, her first being at Convocation last Spring 2003. Larke took the opportunity to include students in her program entitled, "Can you hear this?" Corey Jones on bongos and Michael Anthony on drums accompanied her as she entertained the audience with many unique songs and lyrical verses.

Mocsquerade Ball



Lisa McQueen, Roly Gonzalez and Nerlynn Etienne

Arms of the Man

Jeanne and David Heidler joined in on the Florida Southern College Lecture series on October 9th. Both received their Ph.D.s at Auburn University. The lecture was called "Old Hickory's War: Andrew Jackson and the First Seminole War" which encouraged students to take a new look at Andrew Jackson's invasion in 1818.



Paula Sparks and Nate Kittner at an ACE sponsored concert.



Amy Kukuk and
Rachael McGowen

Music Under the Stars



Chancie Housholder, Rich
Scierka, and Jessica Ward



Shari Szabo and Dr. Wuertz serve a late-night breakfast
at Flap-Jack-Fling.



Chris Montgomery from Saline sponsored by Beyond.

The Florida Southern College theatre department put on an excellent production of George Bernard Shaw's "Arms and the Man." Shaw is well known for this play and has been well distinguished since its very first performance in 1894. This satirical play takes place in the small town of Bulgaria in 1885, and it's plot centers around the idea of war. The subtle comical touches throughout helped to balance out the overall serious mood, and the audience seemed to enjoy the performance from beginning to end.

Family Weekend



Kat Knauff and Jenna Ledo
"love the cafe food!"

November Events



Tony Lyons, Tyrone Bell, Mia and Megan McDonald



Brandi Bowen, Brian Atkins and Karen Patten

On any other night it would be very strange to see Ingraham Avenue flooded with students, musicians, and flashing police cars from 7 till 11 o'clock at night, but not on November 4th. Students took part in celebrating Alcohol Awareness during the block party that was held between the lawn of the Wellness Center and Panhellenic on Ingraham Ave. Complete with free laser photos, all the free ribs a person could ask for, rock climbing challenges, and lots of give-aways from GEICO and other organizations, the block party gave students a chance to learn about different aspects of alcohol awareness.



Prof. Sutton served it up at Flap Jack Fling.

Alcohol Awareness Week



Brother's of the Kappa Alpha Order sing to their
"Friends in Low Places."

Blood Drive



Kappa Delta Sisters sing their hearts out at
FlapJack Fling.



FSC students enjoy a late
breakfast at Flap-Jack Fling.

Flap-Jack Fling

Florida Lecture Series

The music of four different bands including: "The Crayons," "Death after Texas," "Red Velvet Stereo," and "Oh the Horror," gave students a great reason to stick around and test out the drunk driving simulator and inflatable race. Needless to say, The Alcohol Awareness Block Party was a success! Also part of Alcohol Awareness Week was "Get Toasted."

The unmistakable words of songs like "Love Shack" and "I Will Survive" filled the Florida Southern College cafeteria when students joined in on the Residence Hall Association and Student Affairs sponsored event, "Get Toasted."



Drunk driving goggle simulation.

Various members of the faculty and staff cooked and served French toast to the students to who attended the event. This late night breakfast event gave students an alternative plan to get out of their dorms, and stay sober. Students spent the night eating their French toast, socializing with friends, singing karaoke, dancing, or simply getting a good laugh out of their friends who decided to take the microphone for a song or two.



Erin Smith, Ashley Pilgrim and Melody Brown enjoy "Three Company" during Alcohol Awareness Week.



Would you past the DUI test?

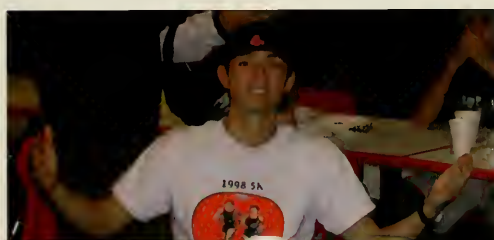


Tyrone, Amy and Trevor

Also in November, Florida Southern was delighted to host the production of George Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess" at Branscomb Auditorium. The Dubose Heyward story of Charleston's Catfish Row is an unbelievably well known jazz style opera, and it is also one of Gershwin's greatest accomplished works. The professional touring cast and orchestra has had great reviews and picked up some more here at FSC as it captured the Florida Southern audience from beginning to end. Towards the end of November, lots of laughs filled the Thrift Alumni Room when A.C.E. and SGA held a comedy club event called the M&M Show. Florida Southern warmly welcomed Michael Collins and Mitch Fatal for a night of jokes as the students enjoyed snacks and beverages.



This FSC student takes the DUI goggle test.



Milton Lyons takes time out to say "What's Up."

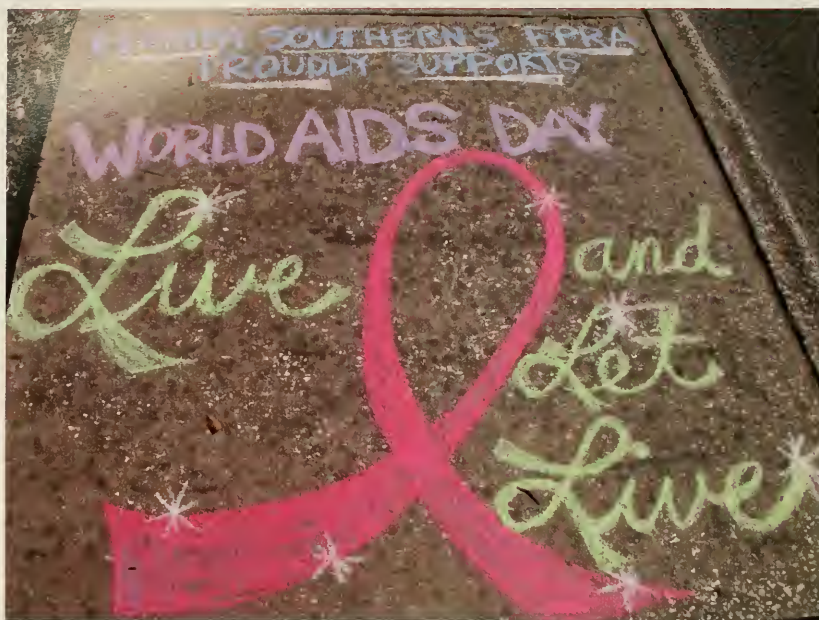


Amy Crews and Christy Hedrick wait for their laser hologram.



Julie Keaveney and Jenna Rock enjoy time in the cafe.

December Events ...



Nothing marks the end of the semester like the Florida Southern annual Christmas tree lighting. Sponsored by A.C.E., this event was held the beginning of December.

Friends Together held a sidewalk chalk competition, this was an entry.

Students, faculty, and many others gathered in front of Branscomb Auditorium on Johnson Avenue to witness the lighting of the Christmas tree.



Chris Brooks and Ross Berling draw on the sidewalk for Friends Together.



Friends Together's Kathy Robinson, Misty Take, Sarah Wells, Bob Senkarik and Anastasia Gileva work together to create their sidewalk-chalk entry.

President Reuschling spoke to those who attended the event while students provided a beautiful arrangement of Christmas songs. The crowd enjoyed hot chocolate and Christmas cookies while they socialized with friends and remembered the spirit of Christmas.

The night was complete with a visit from Old Saint Nick himself. Students took full advantage of the free laser photo opportunities offered with Santa.



Andrea Bowman shows John Emerson the hologram presented by ACE.



Jason Hargrove, Brock Hartford and Eric Jennings wait for the December 2003 graduation.



Emily Beynon



Ryan Trew



Dr. Saulsbury and Dr. Fandrich prepare for the December 2003 graduation ceremony.



The "river" of December graduates flow in.

Commencement



Dr. Smith and Prof. Burke anticipate the December 2003 graduation.



Ramsey Gersch and Samer Fidy enter the December graduation ceremony.



December 2003 graduates await the graduation ceremony.

Academic Life

From animal dissection in the Biology Department, to "Jones Junior High: the best junior high in Toledo" in the Education Department, students at Florida Southern College experience a very interactive liberal arts education. The faculty and staff at Florida Southern have a wide variety of professional projects in addition to the classes they teach. The following is a showcase for the academic departments of the 2003-2004 school year.



Art

Ask anyone involved with the art department about his or her current projects and they will tell you all about their art work which include: paintings, graphic layouts, sculptures and sketches, just to name a few.

There are 83 art majors who are taught by four full-time professors and seven adjunct professors. Art majors choose from concentrations of studio art, graphic design, art education and art history. When they graduate, studio art majors are encouraged to



Art student, Billy Reynolds, paints in the art studio.

continue their studies at graduate school or to get jobs in museums or art galleries. The graphic design majors receive jobs in animation, layout or advertising. The art education majors have a 100 percent hire rate in the schools as art teachers. The art history concentration is a new degree program, who's graduates tend to get jobs in museums. Like all majors, art majors are required to do work outside of their classes. They spend an average of 15 to 21 hours per week in the studio outside of class working on projects. If they have any spare

time, they take department trips to art shows at museums like the Ringling Museum in Sarasota or the Tampa Museum of Art.

Although the art majors spend a lot of time in the studio working on projects, all of their hard work pays off when they graduate and get an enjoyable job.

Biology

It's 8:15 a.m. and you have overslept for your 8 a.m. class. You walk briskly by the Polk Science building and peek in the windows, and see students listening intently as they scribble notes as fast as their hands will move. There is a good chance that you are looking at biology majors. There are about 150 biology majors who are taught by six professors.

After graduation, these majors will continue to succeed. Some will enter into medical school while others



Front Row: Eric Kjellmark, Bob Baum, John Haldeman Center: Canus Lupus (wolf) Back Row: John Tripp, Nancy Morvillo, Laurence Campbell

will go to dentistry school and veterinary school. Several will immediately get jobs, and many will go on to graduate school.

The biology department is not only about lectures and dissection but about research, internship and summer programs. For example, Laura Toops was involved in a summer program in Miami involving a marine lab. Dr. John Haldeman and several students paired up with the City of Lakeland and the Southwest Florida Water Management District to begin to do work in the Sump that will revert it to wetlands and remove pollution caused by storm runoff. Work was scheduled to begin in early 2004. "It [the new restored Sump] will be aesthetically pleasing. The area will be the focal point of the lake," said Haldeman. Through internship and students' and professors' projects like the Sump, the biology department is constantly involved in the community outside of Florida Southern.

Business

What exactly does it mean to be a business major? The business department has about 420 students and 15 professors. It offers two majors; accounting and economics. The department's students can then choose from a variety of concentrations, including human resources management, financial management, marketing, sports management, music management, computer information systems, hotel and resort management, and international business.



Members of the Business Department enjoy a water gun fight.

The business department also offers a program to those students who would like to further their education after four years of college. It offers a graduate program, which includes a track in international business. Some students choose to stay a fifth year so that they can take the CPA certification test.

The business department offers a graduate program, which includes a track in international business.

If students feel that they would like to get involved with the business department outside of their classes, they can join Toastmasters, Sigma Beta Delta, Delta Sigma Pi and the Institute of Management Accounts. Or, they can hang out in the newly created student and faculty lounge in the Rogers Building.

"One of the best things about the business department is that their a number of international students. It's good for them to experience Florida Southern, but it's also good for the American students, because they are able to get a different perspective on things through these international students," said department chair, Dr. Carl Brown. The business department is a great way for students to feel connected to the campus.

Chemistry

Atoms, covalent bonds, molality and compounds are everyday words in the life of the 22 Chemistry majors. The chemistry department is composed of five chemists and one physicist, who teach classes like organic chemistry, forensic chemistry and physical chemistry.

But, the life of one involved with the chemistry department is not all about spending time experimenting with chemicals. For example, The American Chemical Student Society is partners with an elementary school in Bartow where they spend an afternoon with the kids once a year. This year the theme was "The Atmosphere" and they experimented with paper airplanes.



Leon Gardner, Stacey Boyette, George Maguire, Mossayeb Jamshid, Carmen Gauthier and Hulya Atmacan-Kaptan

The chemistry department also sponsors the Chemathon. This event happens once a year, and high school students compete against each other. They take a written test and also answer questions in a round-robin style. Through their scores on the written test and correct answers to questions, they score points. The team with the most points wins.

The chemistry department also gets involved with the community when Dr. Jamshid, the physicist, puts on shows at the planetarium. "I do planetarium shows for the public schools, and I also do a Christmas show," said Jamshid. The Chemistry department is involved and dedicated to educating not only Florida Southern students, but also the surrounding communities, about the importance of chemistry.

Citrus and Horticulture

On October 3rd and 4th, the citrus and horticulture department held their annual plant sale, where they sold plants donated by the Florida Nursery and Growers Association. These plants were on display at the Orlando Trade Show, graciously donated to FSC by some of the vendors, and then transported back to campus from the show by alumni donated transportation.

The money that is raised from the plant sale allows the department to make donations to local charities, like the Humane Society. It is also used to fund department scholarships and department activities, like its yearly banquet. Another way that the money is spent, is through donations to improve campus landscaping, such as the Hindu Garden.

"The plant sale also benefits the campus, because the left over plants are donated to the landscapes and then planted around the campus," said department chair, Dr. Curt Peterson.

Through the plant sale, the citrus and horticulture department is able to give back to the community and Florida Southern.

Criminology and Sociology



Risdon Slate, Edwin Plowman, Sharon Masters and Patrick Anderson
from the Criminology Department.

Social issues, values, standards and behavioral norms are continually changing in today's society. Students in the criminology and sociology department accept the challenge of studying and ultimately helping shape society's behavior and its effects on our lives. Sociology and criminology majors don't just worry about the problems, they learn how to identify them, analyze them and find solutions to them.

Communication



Karen Harvey, Rick Kenney, Vikki Weurtz, Susan Opt,
William Gregory, David Snodgrass and Bob Drake

Communication is more than talking, just ask any communication major. Communication majors can choose among several different concentrations including public relations, news media and advertising. But, all communication majors are required to take several of the same classes including media writing and desktop publishing.

The communication students have the important job of keeping the students informed through *The Southern*, the campus newspaper, and *The Interlachen*, the yearbook. Through these two publications, students learn the inner-workings of a publication and the importance of meeting deadlines.

The communication department has student chapters of professional organizations such as The Advertising Federation and The Florida Public Relation Association. AD FED, here on campus, works in a group to design advertising campaigns that include television, radio, print, web and billboard media. The student chapter of FPRA, also know as Pro Motion holds weekly business meetings and monthly forums with professionals, to further their experience in the public relation profession.

Through their hands-on experience, students in the communication department are able to appreciate how the real world of communication works.

Education

"As I was growing up I hated school, but since school is a major part of someone's life I think it's important that he or she likes school; so, my goal is to make school fun and enjoyable," said Jenni Weber. That is just what the education majors learn to do. Students in the education department are able to experience life in the classroom first and then through the preschool lab, their concurrent, and their internship. The preschool lab is an actual preschool on campus that children from the community are



An education student sits with her pre-school class.

able to attend. It is three days a week from 12:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. and caters to 3 and 4-year-old. Students get involved when they prepare for and teach classes under the guidance of Mrs. Nancy DeGraw and Dr. Florie Babcock. "I enjoy working in the preschool lab not only because I love all the children that come, but I think it's a great experience. It has also made me positive that I want to be a preschool teacher," said Corinne

Lavin. Students are also required to participate in three concurrent where they are assigned to a school, and they attend one day a week. The activity first concurrent is mainly observing; the second concurrent involves a little more participation; and during the third concurrent the student is usually in charge of the classroom.

One of the most important aspects in preparing students to become teachers is their internship. The second semester of their senior year, students are assigned a school, and they virtually run a classroom. "When we place students for their internship, we place them where there is the greatest need, and where they will be challenged," said department chair, Dr. Perry Castelli.

Through all their hands on experience, Florida Southern education majors are able to enter the world of teaching and impact future generations.

English

English isn't all about commas, sentences and writing; just ask one of the 40 English majors. English majors can take a variety of courses including classical drama and film studies. The English department is involved throughout the Florida Southern campus.

"The English department feels that it is important that we connect with the rest of the Florida Southern campus, which is why we have created 'The English Department Presents,'" said department chair, Dr. Keith Huneycutt. "The English Department Presents" is a series of lectures given by



students, professors and guest speakers who talk about interesting topics, such as getting work published. For example, Dr. Alexander Bruce did a lecture on his new book *The Folklore of Florida Southern College*. The Medieval Symposium was also put on by the English department. Students who attended were able to see Bruce's "Beowulf, The Musical" performed.

The activities of the English department are not limited to just English majors. Any student is welcome to submit their photographs, poems, short stories and other forms of art to *Cantilevers*, the literary magazine. *Cantilevers*, edited by Joy Berrier, is a way to show off the talent that is possessed by Florida Southern students.

"We like to think we're like the rest of the campus in our high quality students and professors and desire to educate," said Huneycutt.

History/Political Science

Guttenberg's printing press, serfdom and wars, are all a part of history. Just ask any history or political science major about any major historical event and, chances are he or she will be able to tell you all about it.

The 35 history and political science majors are able to do that because of rigorous courses like the History of Russia, History of the Christian Church through the



John Santosuosso, Rand Sutherland, Frank Hodges and Barbara Giles

Reformation, Congress and the Presidency, and Axis of Evil: North Korea, Iran and Iraq are offered. "We pride ourselves on the very high standards that our department has.

We are an extremely well-trained department," said department chair, Dr. Francis Hodges.

Students are also encouraged to take advantage of the trips

that the history and political science department offers. They have taken trips to City Hall and many Florida historical sites, like St. Augustine and the Gamble Mansion.

Because of the rigorous course work and field trips, history and political science majors have the opportunity to graduate with an excellent education.

Everyone is required to take college algebra but to the math majors, college algebra is a walk in the park. Math majors are also required to take classes like number theory and discrete math. Many math majors are also computer science majors. Computer science majors are also enrolled in challenging classes, such as software system development, artificial intelligence, and database design.

"The math and computer science departments are very aware of how important it is for students to get involved. We



Front Row: Dan Jelsovsky, Gwen Walton, Susan Serrano, Gayle Kent, David Rose

Back Row: Allen Wuertz, Mike Way, Shawn Hedman

sponsor Kappa Mu Epsilon, the Mathematics Association America (MAA), the Henry Hartje lecture series, and offer a math tutoring lab," said department chair, Dr. Gayle Kent. The Henry Hartje lecture series was named after the previous department chair. The math and computer science department wrote to alumni in order to get the series started, and now a lecture is held every spring. For example, the first lecture in the series was about the connection between biology and math.

When the math majors graduate many will go to graduate school, as opposed to the computer science majors who usually go right into the job force as computer programmers. But no matter what the students end up doing, they have a superior understanding of math or computer science.

Music

The 132 music majors are experts when it comes to reading music. Most music majors have been playing their instruments for quite a few years. But before a music major even enters Florida Southern, he or she must audition in a specialty area and then chose a concentration that goes along with their instrument.



Front Row: Robert MacDonald, Rita Fandrich, Diane Willis-Stahl, J. Jossim, Arthur Pranno, Paula Parsche
Back Row: Brian Brink, Larry Burke, Larry Sledge, John Thomasson

Those concentrations are performance, sacred music, music education or music business. If students are interested in getting more involved with the music department, women can join Delta Omicron and men can join Phi Mu Alpha. These music fraternities are open to anyone interested in music, not just music majors. One of the activities that the members of these fraternities participate in is the Festival of Fine Arts. If they are not performing, many of them will be ushers at the performances.

"Our department is interesting in the

fact that we have such an emphasis on performing, not just by the students but by the faculty as well. This causes a high energy level, because the adrenaline gets pumped. It also causes camaraderie among the students and faculty. It's a great supportive atmosphere," said department chair, Paula Parsche.

Whether their focus is voice or instrumental music, music majors graduate with a better understanding of their instruments.

Nursing

Think about what the world would be like without nurses. No one would be there to assist the doctors. No one would help you during a doctor or hospital visit. Nurses are the backbone of the medical field.

Florida Southern offers night courses for the nursing department at both the Orlando and Lakeland campuses. The nursing majors are mostly adults who have already earned their associate degree in nursing and are now working toward a bachelor's degree. After the students graduate from Florida Southern, many will go on to graduate school where they will then receive a master's degree in a nursing field such as Advanced Practice Nurse.

Besides completing their required classes, nursing majors must do some type of experiential learning. They go out into the community and work at places like community centers, public housing projects and senior centers. They do risk assessments, and then work with the facility on implementing a plan to improve the residents' health.

Since the department is mostly full-time working adults, the nursing department hosts an awards program called Celebrate Success. The first one was held on November 7, 2003. "The idea behind this program is to acknowledge the students' accomplishments. Each student who is nominated will receive a certificate. This started as an outgrowth of trying to start an honor society," said department chair, Dr. Shelia Marks.

The nursing department is a unique part of Florida Southern's campus and is an intricate part of the Orlando campus.



Department chair, Dr. Shelia Marks, looks over some papers with her students Janine Wiggins and Lloyd Baxter.

Physical Education

We all had to take P.E. throughout grade school, but there were always those students who loved it and couldn't get enough of it. Chances are, those students could now be students in the department of physical education. These students can choose between a variety of concentrations including, physical education, athletic training and sports management. "I decided that I wanted to be an athletic trainer, because I enjoy being around the athletic environment and helping athletes achieve their goals," said Emily Retzlaff.



Katherine Straw, Kathleen Benn, Lisa Jewell and Ben Reuter

One unique aspect of the athletic training major is that students have to put in a specific number of clinical training hours. For example, freshmen have to spend 50 hours a semester in the FSC Athletic Training Room or observing at high school special athletic events. If students want to spend even more time involved with the physical education department, they can get involved in the Sports Medicine Club, the Physical Education Majors Club or the honorary Phi Epsilon Kappa Fraternity. Students in the physical education

department are constantly on the move helping athletes and furthering their education, and this can only improve their knowledge about their chosen field of study.

Psychology

Freud. Pavlov's Dogs. Id. None of these are foreign terms to Florida Southern psychology students. The psychology professors are very interested in teaching their students what is necessary to be able to perform well.

"We can not just teach the basics. We have to teach our students how to adapt to different fields of psychology, because there are so many different jobs they can have as psychology majors. They can get jobs in business, as teachers, in mental hospitals, or go on to get their Ph.D. and be clinical practitioners, just to name a few," said department chair, Dr. Christopher Weaver. The psychology majors can also get involved with Psi Chi, the psychology honor society. One event that Psi Chi members participated in this year was Paint Your Heart Out. Paint Your Heart Out could be compared to Habitat for Humanity but instead of building houses for people in need, they painted houses for people who were unable to paint their houses for themselves. Psi Chi also visited a chimpanzee rescue facility.

Through special events, trips and class lectures, psychology majors are able to enter the job force fully prepared for unusual events and circumstances.



Richard Burnette, Adam Lawson, Patrick Smith, Bruce Darby and Chris Weaver

Religion & Philosophy

All Florida Southern College students are required to take two religion courses, but to the religion majors, that is not enough. Both Christian education and religion majors are taught by five professors, all of which have terminal degrees, are active in church, and participate in professional scholarly organizations.

The religion department sponsors two Greek Honorary Organizations, Theta Chi Beta and Sigma Rho Epsilon. Theta Chi Beta is for religion majors who have completed at least 12 hours of class work and Sigma Rho Epsilon is for Christian education majors. Both organizations have monthly



Waite Willis, Sara Fletcher Harding, R. Frank Johnson,
W. Allen Smith and Dan Silber

meetings centered around discussions, speakers, or panel presentations on various aspects of religion culture. Sigma Rho Epsilon also is involved with several service projects, including Habitat for Humanity, tutoring underprivileged children, and programs with youth in churches.

But, the religion department also offers something for everyone via sponsored events. They sponsor the Christmas Candlelight Service, which is a service with King James Version Bible readings and songs. It's adapted

from a medieval service in England. They also sponsor the Willis Lecture, which is named after Dr. Waite Willis' father, Warren Willis, and is supported by an endowment by friends of Warren Willis, the Stahl family. This lecture involves national and international leaders who speak on topics about contemporary concerns. For example, the 2003 lecture was by James Laney, the former president of Emory University and a former ambassador to South Korea. He spoke about Christian faith in American foreign policy. A third event sponsored by the religion department is the Bible Symposium held in the spring. It features a prominent array of Old and New Testament scholars who speak on topics like Jesus and the Kingdom of God. All of these events are open to students, professors and the public.

The religion department is involved with the community and the Florida Southern campus through the activities it sponsor.

Theatre Arts

Imagine having six weeks to put on a play. All the acting has to be perfect. The sets have to be built and ready to go. The lighting and cues need to be synchronized. The theatre department does this four times a year.

This year they performed "Arms and the Man," "Lend me a Tenor," "Three Penny Opera," and "Steel Magnolias." The cast rehearses every night of the week except Saturday until two weeks before the show starts, then it is every night of the week.



From Right to Left: Paul Bawek, Mary T. Albright, Jim Beck, Kitty Oelker

The play opens on a Thursday night and runs through Sunday night. Auditions for the next play are on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and then the play runs again on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.

Not only do the theatre majors rehearse and perform, but they also attend conferences. The technical majors are going to Long Beach, Calif. and the performance majors are going to Chattanooga, Tenn., over spring break to attend the Southeastern Theatre Conference (SETC).

Even though it is a lot of work to be a theatre major, most of them would agree that the work is outweighed by the benefits. Just ask sophomore Lindsay Ruhr. "I definitely want to act when I graduate, but I do want to eventually teach. But the performance part of theatre is my favorite part. The rehearsals are hard but it's always worth it when you hear the first laugh or gasp or audience reaction on opening night," said Ruhr.

*Administrative
Departments*



Academic Support

Academic Support assists Florida Southern College students in their first year to help make smooth academic and social adjustments and also helps to help guide students in reaching their goals.



Marcie Pospichal, Louise Johnson,
Violet McCormick, Richard R. Burnette Jr.

Admissions

Admissions strives to introduce prospective freshman, transfer and international students to Florida Southern College by guiding them, supplying information and materials needed to make an educated college choice, and serving them throughout the admissions process.



Front Row: Barry Connors, Weston Nickerson,
Beverly Denaco, Peggy Hogan, Kathy Peavey, Bill
Langston Back Row: Christy Collins, Teresa Lee,
Glen Berree, Amy Salley, Travis Houk

Athletics

The Athletics Office oversees all the events involving Florida Southern athletes. They hope to build school spirit and alumni support.



Back Row: Bill Turnage, Norm Benn, Tim Carpenter,
Susan Sergeant, Lois Webb, Bill Jones, Bill Stephens
Front Row: Sheri Holt, Angela Rogell

Alumni

Alumni Relation is responsible for collecting donations from Florida Southern Alumni and keeping them current with the events of FSC.



Sandra Tate, April Wheeler Payeur,
Shari Szabo

Business Office

Student's tuition and personal on-campus accounts are managed by the Business Office.



Front Row: Ellen Hartgraves,
Penny Parker, Barbara Thompson
Back Row: Jay Derby, Donald M. Clayton Jr.

Career Center



Back Row: Anna Fuqua, Kelly Triest, Jamie Hall
Front Row: Samantha Romano, Marge Coltan, Anishka Thwaites,
Mary Hix, Saul Reyes

The Career Center provides opportunities for student to research their career path and develop the skills needed to succeed in this business-oriented society.

Citrus Archives

The Citrus Archives of FSC maintains historical and statistical information about the citrus industry.



Thomas B. Mack and Donna Logan

Computer Lab

For those papers, projects and campus viruses, the computer lab was there for assistance.



Front: Mary Haselier, Tom Brennan
Back: Tim Lenamon, Rebecca
Ellington, Martha Gay Duncan,
Barbara Chickonoski

Dean's Office



Stephanie Vartanian, Sheila Clayton, Jill Hosier and
Dean Connor

Academic affairs, such as the honors program and new curriculum, such as the "freshman experience" EXL courses, are coordinated through the Dean's Office.

Housekeeping

Housekeeping works hard to keep the FSC living and learning areas "spick and span."



Housekeeping Staff

Library

The Roux Library is where students can research and study with the help of the resourceful staff.



Front Row: Cassandra Fredricks, Mary M. Flekke, Eridan McConnell, Desiree Sladky
Back Row: Ann Rogers, Harry Roberts, Andrew Pearson, Nora Galbraith
Not Pictured: Randall M. MacDonald, Sally Gullage, Tara Paisley

Multi Cultural Affairs



Maria Fossi, Brenda Lewis, and Loraine M. Cumberledge

Multicultural Affairs is responsible for the enhancement of success, opportunities and involvement of minority students at FSC. The office is located in the Callahan House where students enjoy a home-like environment. Some programs available to all students include the Gospel Choir, Shades of Color, Red Roses and MCA Dance/Step Troupe.

Operations

The Operations and Business Affairs Departments of FSC preform the daily business functions of the school such as purchasing, accounting and payroll.



Front: Marilynn Chestnut , Patty Horan, Pat Davis, Carol Haygood, Jean Whitehead, Leslie Devane, Soozi Key, Suzanne Aycock
Back: Judy Robinson, Roberta Anderson, Fred Nielsen, John Thomas, John Starling, Terry Dennis

President's Office



Mary Wilson, Patti Dodge, Thomas L. Reuschling, Lynn Dennis

The President's Office coordinates opportunities to build relationships with the community, alumni and family of Florida Southern College.

Public Affairs

The Public Affairs Office is responsible for helping Florida Southern in reaching out to the Lakeland community.



Public Relations

Public Relations communicates with the media and community about the events Florida Southern is affiliated with and also archives these events.



Barbara Brock, Beth Roper

Registrar



Front Row: Sarah Baker, Sally Thissen, Vivian Erickson
Back Row: Barbara McKown, Karen Yeager, Joyce Collins, Shirley Feierbacher

The Registrar's office organizes the schedules for all the Florida Southern students to assure a timely graduation date for them.

Safety



Above: Dorothy Smith, Carol Hall, Chuck Long, Janet Burnett, Cindy Mofield, Rhonda Price

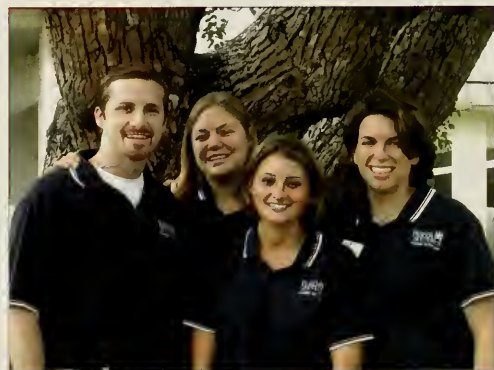
The safety department provides safety services for all college students, faculty, staff and visitors by patrolling the campus 24 hours a day.



Joe Lane, Nina Farmer, Patricia Pederson, Clyde Kolk, Fred Dister, and Merwin Packer

Student Activities

The Student Activities office coordinates campus activities and provides supervision for organizations such as Pathfinders and SGA.



Stephen Bellah, Karen Patten, Amanda Gaspary and Amanda Caffrey

Student Affairs

The mission of the Student Affairs office is to provide the resources needed to help make Florida Southern your home away from home.



Carole Obermeyer, Debbie Speakman,
Anne Barnes

Student Life

The purpose of the Student Life program is to aid in the on-going educational and developmental processes of each individual resident.



Front: Karen Patten, Brandie Bowen
Middle: Tracy Gerth, Cari Murphy
Back: Stephen Bellah, Brian Atkins,
Amy Kowalczyk, Chad Smith

Athletics



Women's Soccer



Front Row: Julia Crafton, Alexis Powell, Joanie DeHaven, Becky McQuin, Elizabeth Stephany, Kristin Hall Middle Row: Coach Robin DeVane, Athletic Trainer Susan Kane, Jenna Cleary, Danielle Zirkelbach, Eina Dorado, Kim Fish, Casey Mogford, Amanda Wetherbee, Tara Cameron, Alicia Pari, Jess Castillo, Coach Christine Rizzieri Back Row: Samantha Drove, Taylor Greene, Amanda Walters, Nicole Brant, Mindy Dymon, Taryn Grimsley, Alicia James, Siobhan Perry, Kelly Murray

The 2003-2004 season welcomed nine new freshmen to the FSC Woman's Soccer Team, more than half of which had significant amount of playing time. Those girls improved their skills and helped the team's morale throughout the season.

At the halfway point in the season, the women's soccer team had already set many records. The team's chemistry improved, the women worked well together, and the team had great leadership from the seniors. The women showed great work ethics on and off the field, and they proved to be responsible and dedicated athletes and students.

The seniors guided the way. They showed great enthusiasm on the field. You can tell in their eyes that they love what they do—play soccer. This year's senior women have been mentors to the younger Mocs.

Great expectations were placed upon the shoulders of our Lady Mocs... and have no fear about Florida Southern College's Women's Soccer Team because... when the Mocs strike, they strike for the kill.



Top Left: Alicia James

Top Right: Samantha Drove

Center: Kim Fish

Bottom Left: Tara Cameron

Men's Soccer



Front Row: Isacc Pizarro, Adam Lemnoui, Mike Bierman, Boomer Morgan,
Jonathan Streets, Aaron DeLoach, Doug Hughes, Jeremy Voulgarakis
Middle Row: Richard Yelverton, Garrett Warner, Travis Hobgood, Clinton
Harris, James , Matt Ward, Brian Miller, Matt Tacy, Ernie Black, Keith Butler
Back Row: Angela Rogell, Jess ,Panu Purhonen, Clay Roberts, Rory Hynes,
Peter Schiebel, Asa Pepia, Robby Sanger, David Rutherford, Boris Juric,
Brandom Huell, Coach Kris Pahl, Coach Tim Bussell

When you first walked down to the soccer field, you immediately notice the serious and concentrated looks on the men's faces. They are one of the many committed groups of players Florida Southern offers. They were willing to practice until everything is done right.

Soccer is a sport involving a close-knit team...a team filled with strong-minded and hard-working men who know what they are capable of and who make it happen.

This year did not come easy to the team due to injuries to players so early in the season. The injuries did not stop the team from doing what it does best—playing the game. When the team suffered a loss or an injury, it only made them strike back even more fierce the next game. In fact, one of the team's wins allowed coach Kris Pahl celebrate his 100th victory.



Top Left: Clinton Harris

Top Right: Boomer Morgan

Center: Peter Schiebel

Bottom Left: Asa Pepia

Swimming



Front Row: Pat Keely, Diana Molnar, Christy Martin, Bijana Cokovik, Christa Pavlik, Mike McNally Second Row: Tom Bartley, Jen Mellon, Marie Joyce, Meggs Avent, Jessie Peck, Amber Lee, Luke Thompson, Third Row: Ashley Fidler, Melissa Piloto, Amy McCabe, Vikki Hannover, Coach Lee Stauffer

A calm comes over the water as you stare down from the starting block. You shake off any last tension in your neck and legs, reach down to the block and tuck your head into your shoulders. The instant the starter buzzes, you shoot out from the block and into the cool water. You pull your body through the water...tuck your head and streamline out of the turn and back to the starting wall.

What could seem like an eternity to any swimmer, actually took less than a minute in the perspective of a MOC fan. The MOC swim team had the opportunity to experience these feelings when they competed in the NCAA division II swim conference for the first time. This first season was a great success.



Top Left: Pat Keely

Top Right: Christa, Ashley, Diana, and Luke

Center: Biljana Cokovik

Bottom Left: Christy Martin

Bottom Right: Mike McNally

Bottom Center: Melissa Piloto

Volleyball



Front Row: Quiana Welch, Jordan McAfee, Courtney Veasey, Laura Moore, Jamie Mills, Nicole Weeden, Cristina Cooper, Joleen Cacciatore
 Back Row: Coach Chuck Waddington, Damaris Flores, Krystal Garcia, Amanda Buchanan, Natalie Hortynski, Jenni Holste, Pamela Stein, Rachelle Konczal, Leinani Bernabe, Coach Jill Stephens, Athletic Trainer Mike Knaisch

A team is only as strong as its players. The game of volleyball is not only a game of endurance, but also one of something much stronger. It involves the skill which a team must work towards and strive hard for. It is a game of hard work and dedication. It is a game of unity and communication.

This goal of communication and team unity does not come easily, but was shown by the FSC Volleyball team. With this knowledge and talent, they knew what had to be done. The team truly succeeded in forming a strong team and played an excellent season.



Top Left: Courtney Veasey

Top Right: Natalie Hortynski

Center: Cristina Cooper

Bottom Left: Jordan McAfee

Women's Basketball



Front Row: Tracey Johnson, Ireliam Guadalupe, Meghana Saoji, Brook Kohlheim, Rosemary Perry, Becky Kowallek, Carrissa Collie, Erica Smith
Back Row: Tricia Henderson, Susan Kane, Lucija Grabic, Monique Bunch, Nicole Katsoff, Reina Genis, Lucrecia West, Pamela Diemer, Diane Foli, Sally Spooner, Tasha Smith

A quarter of women's basketball is packed with adrenaline and action, as the ball makes its way up and down the court in a player's hand. Put four quarters together with a rival team and you will be at the edge of your seat.

The women's basketball team felt an adrenaline rush every time they stepped out onto the court. All the hours of hard work and dedication that they put in was evident on the court and in their game. During the season, these MOCs stepped off of the court knowing that they had played the best game that they could and they entertained their fans.



Top Left: Becky Kowallek

Top Right: Meghana Saoji

Center: Lucrecia West

Bottom Left: Monique Bunch

Men's Basketball



Front Row: Labib Fidy , Hurley Dunbar, James Jones, Reggie Richardson,
Chris Brooks, Ellery Boykin, Tommy Toman, Greg Hopkins, Eric Berger,
Dominic Girod Back Row: Coach Sean Hanrahan, Coach Gene Granger,
Travis , Blake Williams, Troy Beatty, Terrance Thomas, Kenny Ebanyat,
Clayton Zel Yuri Watkins, Mike Knaisch,
Coach Tony Longa

Basketball is ten men on a rectangular court competing over one orange ball. The team has fifteen minutes per quarter to take that orange ball and shoot it into the basket. This is far from a slow paced game; instead it is an intense, in your face, fast-paced rush. This shows that the quickest and most talented team will finish first.

The men's basketball team was one of dedication, togetherness and hard work. Its goal was to rise above other teams, to play hard, to have fun and to win. The members put in hours of practice to refine their skills and knowledge of the game. They showed not only the MOC fans here at Florida Southern What they were made of, but also the fans of every opposing team that they faced. Their dedication, togetherness and hard work made winning seem easy.



Top Left: Kenneth Ebanyat
 Top Right: Hurley Dunbar
 Center: Terence Thomas
 Bottom Left: Reggie Richardson
 Bottom Right: Chris Brooks

Women's Tennis



Megan Fincham, Linda Mrkic, Barbara Oria, Lydia Gandarias, Laura Salatino, Laura Alcobendas, Kelly Cox, Elisabeth McDonald,
Coach Dr. Vicki Martin

The Lady Mocs leave their opponents tired after each victorious win. Their hard work and practice have paid off. Their team is ranked nationally. They look forward to the challenge of each match and holding their good record.

This season's team was equally diverse as far as the levels of skills that each player brought to the team. Each player showed what she was made of and why she was on the team. All of the girls set their goals on winning the championship. This was evident in every match they played.

Whenever you watch our ladies play, try not to be mesmerized by the movement of the ball. When you're not looking, the MOCS will fly right by.



Top Left: Elizabeth McDonald

Top Right: Kelly Cox

Center: Laura Salatino

Bottom Left: Lara Alcobendas

Men's Tennis



Front Row: John Leavitt, Dusty Dixon, Gaston Verna, Eduardo Fernandez
Back Row: Milos Koprivicia, Edgardo Santibanez, Alvaro Nunez, Josh Berman, Coach Jeff Kutac

Tennis is a game full of momentum, strength, endurance and agility. It is not just hitting a ball back and forth across a net.

Florida Southern men's tennis team put in hours of hard work to perfect their game. Practices were just as intense as the matches were. These practices pushed each member of the team to do his best.

The MOCS tennis team helped each other become what they are today – a highly trained and talented team of tennis players.



Top Left: Dusty Dixon

Top Right: Gaston Verna

Center: John Leavitt

Bottom: Josh Berman

Baseball



First Row: Will Elliot, Geoff Strickland, Wes Lowry, Mitch Myer, Nick Diyorio,
 Brian Gartley, Jeff Donatelli, Evan Dzienkiewicz
 Second Row: Brett Robinson, Matt Marrero, Ryan Cahalan, Coach Logan Roberts,
 Coach Mike Bell, Coach Pete Myer, Coach Jared Powers, Coach Lynn Adams,
 Jeff Howell, Stephen Piercefield, Clint LaFlam
 Third Row: Corey Tremble, Gilbert Martinez, Jeff Timmons, Paul Ryan, Derek Major,
 Matt Joyce, Isaac Libby, Andy Parish, Jason Mack, Chris Baczski, Brian Reeves
 Forth Row: Matt Mercurio, Rob Roe, Jesse Moody, Al Simontis, Ryan Thompson, David Cimini,
 Joe Walczak, Fred Popp, Kyle Kelley

Any sport takes practice, dedication, hard work, teamwork and faithfulness. The Florida Southern baseball program expected that – plus more. Every member of the team expected one hundred percent from one another. Anything less was just not acceptable. Their standards were set high, but not unreachable. Each practice was set to fine-tune every player's skills. As they say, "Practice makes Perfect." The dedication of FSC players was one of true love for the "All-American" game. As an "All-American" game, the members of the team understood and cherished the traditions they followed. Dedication to their program, emotion and performance was important to each player and coach.



Top Left: Matt Joyce

Top Right: Geoff Strickland

Center: Kyle Kelley

Bottom Left: Matt Mercurio

Bottom Right: Paul Ryan

Softball



First Row: Katie Goppert, Jenny Davies,
Krista Bradley, Stacey Bronson, Stacy Gross
Second Row: Stephanie Huber, Katie Brandon, Ashley Alpizar, Jess
Shepherd, Sarah Kohlbrenner
Third Row: Jessica Brinkman, Megan Brown, Whitney Bartlett, Jamie Bailie,
Angela Camp, Jackie Leppla
Fourth Row: Todd Skrzyniarz, Bobbie Brandon, Chris Bellotto, Scott
Schoenrock, Shannon Terrell, April Richardson

Softball has always been the girls' version of the "All-American" game, but was the girls' version of the game any easier or less competitive than the guys' game? "No way," was the answer from any softball player. The bruises, scrapes and broken bones were just as prevalent in softball as in baseball. The dedication to this game was awesome despite the fact that it sometimes wrecked them physically. The Lady MOCS softball team had awesome players. They were dedicated to the game and played their hearts out, even through injuries. Desire and dedication to the game is what made this season's team exceptional.



Top Left: Ashley Alpizar

Top Right: Jackie Leppla

Center: Stephanie Huber

Bottom Left: Jess Shepherd

Women's Golf

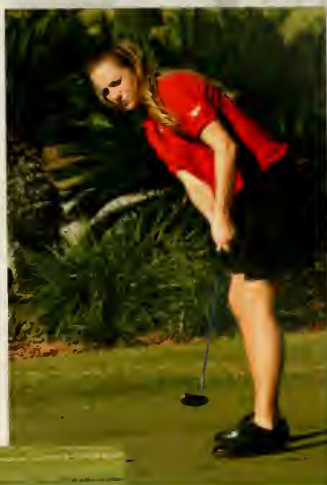


Front Row: Caroline White, Angie Armstrong, Kim Goedecke, Sarah Coleson, Lucy Kahl
Back Row: Coach Norm Benn, Heather Cross, Kristina Walls, Megan Riley, Pamela Feggans, Shannon Betty, Kristen Knowles, Coach Robbie Davis

The crowd is watching from the sidelines. There is complete silence. You could hear a pin drop. Why is that hole so far away? Ok, ok, I can do this. Your arms go back slightly then swing down past your sides. Everyone is watching and waiting and then the moment of truth comes, will it go in?

These, and many other thoughts race through the mind of one of our Lady MOCS on the golf team. A lot of pressure goes into golfing. What other sport is there that the crowd is less than twenty feet away and are absolutely quiet while waiting and watching your every move? That's why the girls on the team are always practice hard and support one another. With only one graduating senior, the girls plan to improve next season. They help each other out at all time, but when they are out on the green, it is every woman for herself.

The season was good for the team this year. So the next time you're out walking along on a golf course, you better look out, because the MOCS will attack without yelling, "Fore!"



Top Left: Angie Armstrong

Top Right: Kirsten Knowles

Center: Kim Goedecke

Bottom Left: Heather Cross

Men's Golf

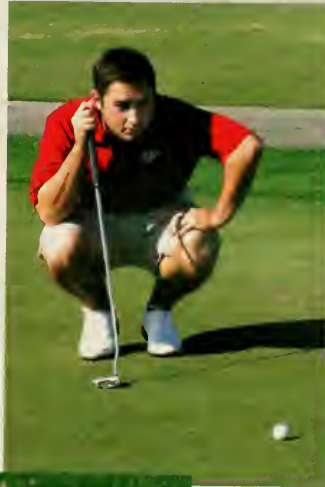


Front Row: Ryan Davis, Matt Lyons,
Brett Blondell, Chad Carroll
Back Row: Josh Subich, Scott Corner, Jon
Schram, Coach Doug Gordin, Greg Koch,
Brad Stainsby, Tim Reed

It's a game with no referee yelling at you, where techniques mean everything, and a low score is good. Doesn't the game of golf sound easy? In reality, the golf team trains just as hard as any other sport team here at Florida Southern.

The men's golf team practiced to improve their techniques, their swings and their shots.

Golf is just as challenging mentally as it is physically. The mind must always be on the game, so practicing is very important to the men's golf team.



Top Left: Chad Carroll

Top Right: Ryan Davis

Center: Greg Koch

Bottom Left: Brad Stainsby

Cross Country



Front Row: Beth Figlesthaller, Jael Koech, Samantha Postigo, Noelle Welker, Rachel Anderson, April Avery, Katie Peters, Barbara Carr, Kimi Rucks, Katie Goppert
Back Row: Coach Jubie Aulisio, Milton Lyons, Curtiss Bryant, Jonathan Alter, Louis Rufo, Tyrone Bell, John Emerson, Eric Walker, Tony Lyons, Trevor Step, James Murphy, Coach Buck Dawson

They were a team, but at the same time they were individuals. They were competitive with each other, but they supported each other. They were the cross-country team. Endurance requires both physical and mental preparation... every cross-country athlete needs both. They were there to cheer each other on and to challenge each other. The team, the individual, and the accomplishments they achieve make up the cross-country MOCS.



Top Left: Tyrone Bell

Top Right: Women's Start of a Meet

Center: John Emerson

Bottom Left: Beth Figlesthaler

Water Skiing



Left to Right: Brad Dugan, Ben Pearce, Joe Woelfle, Kristin McClure, Audrey Lundy, Wade Williams, Ryan Fitz, Adam Weber, Jonathan Bond, Mary Metzger, Britton Reynolds, Barb Marron, Niki Soubliere, Lauren Bowman, Brian Reguera, Nicole Taylor

Florida Southern College is fortunate to have a water ski team. In fact, FSC boasts that it has the oldest collegiate water ski team in the nation. Glen Kirkpatrick had the idea to start a water ski program, and after much negotiation with the school, water skiing was offered as an extracurricular activity in 1948. Today, 56 years later, FSC still maintains the team and also offers a class in the sport for physical education credit.

Florida Southern is one the very few schools in the country to offer a collegiate water ski program with a full-time coach, and it is also one of the few schools offering scholarships to their ski team members. The team has the full support of FSC's athletic department.



Top Left: Jonathan Bond

Top Right: Brad Dugan

Center: Lauren Bowman

Bottom Left: Ryan Trew

Cheerleading



Front Row: Lauren Elmhurst, Karen Farrow, Laura Hardy,
Becky Annon, Ashley Fishburn
Middle Row: Leslie Rodda, Paige Simpson, Erin Smith, Kristin Houk
Back Row: Jessica Ward, Erin Fitzpatrick, Roly Gonzalez, Charles Hon,
Jenn Masterson Not Pictured: Melissa Cofta

"Red and white, the Mocs will fight all night!" OK, well this isn't exactly a chant, but it could be for our cheerleading squad. School spirit here at Florida Southern College is very high and our cheerleading squad helps tremendously. Their job involves peppering the crowd up at games and keep the energy level high. So far, they've done a great job.

The members of the squad inspire spirit. They bring out the inner MOC in all of us. The individual personalities of the members all come together for one purpose... to keep up the school pride. Having a squad with both men and women always makes it a little more exciting to watch. You have two different elements coming together to unite as one. The men on the squad bring more strength to the team, which helps make the stunts go along a little smoother. The guys and girls dancing styles also differ; so when they perform together, there's a twist there that you just don't see or experience with an all girls squad.

The school's cheerleading squad had only a few spots open this year. So it's safe to say that only the best newcomers made the team. With the returnee's experience mixed with the newcomer's freshness, this year's squad is surely one of the best. Join the cheerleading squad in the Snake Pit.



Top Left: Paige Simpson

Top Right: Dancing Mocs

Center: Stunts

Bottom Left: Roly Gonzalez

Organizations & Clubs



Entertainment ...

A.C.E.

The Association of Campus Entertainment (ACE) is the fundamental source of entertainment at Florida Southern College. ACE is primarily a student-run organization that sponsors a wide variety of events throughout the academic year including concerts, comedians, dances, coffeehouses and movies.

Government ...

R.H.A.

The mission of the Residence Hall Association is to support the missions of the college by providing a living environment which fosters the educational pursuits of a diverse students population. The facilities and services are designed to provide a supportive and safe environment, accomodating the needs of the students, while ensuring that all concerns are addressed to the satisfaction of all parties involved. During the spring semester, RHA hosted Hall Olympics, various events for hall residents to compete against each other.

S.G.A.

The Student Government Association of Florida Southern College strives to empower, communicate, and promote unity through education and service in order to represent the Student Body. As members of the campus community, SGA is dedicated to developing relationships, facilitating changes that benefit students, and improving the quality of Student Life. SGA will accomplish these goals while upholding the values and integrity of our college.



Thank you to SGA for picture submission.

Honorary ...

Association of Honors Students

The Association of Honors Students recognizes those students who are members of the Florida Southern Honors program. This organization is committed to providing opportunities to grow intellectually and socially among the campus.

Beta Beta Beta

Beta Beta Beta is a society for students, dedicated to improving the understanding and appreciation of biological study and extending boundaries of human knowledge through scientific research. Tri Beta has also hosted many opportunities for biology students to network among professionals.

Alpha Gamma Rho

A.G.R. is a Business and Professional Agricultural Fraternity for those who major in agriculture or natural sciences or who intend to go into the agricultural industry or whose parents are in the agricultural industry. The purpose of AGR is "to make better men."



Thank you to Alpha Gamma Rho for picture submission.

Delta Omicron

Delta Omicron International Music Fraternity is a professional fraternity in the field of music with collegiate chapters established throughout the United States and abroad. Delta Omicron hopes to promote professional integrity and networking opportunities for all of their members.

Delta Sigma Pi

Delta Sigma Pi is a professional fraternity organized to foster the study of business, to encourage scholarship, social activity and the association of students for their mutual advancement by research and practice; to promote closer affiliation between the commercial world and students of commerce, and to further a higher standard of commercial ethics and culture and the civic and commercial welfare of the community.

Omicron Delta Kappa

The Omicron Delta Kappa Honorary Society distinguishes students who have shown leadership skills on campus and in the community. ODK is one of Florida Southern's highest honor societies.



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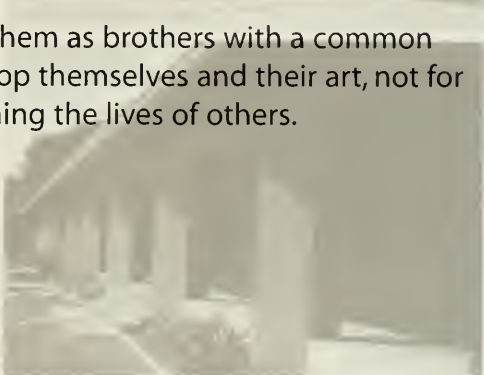
Phi Epsilon Kappa

Phi Epsilon Kappa Fraternity is a national professional fraternity for persons engaged in or pursuing careers in health, physical education, recreation, or safety.



Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia

Sinfonians share a love of music that unites them as brothers with a common interest. The Fraternity teaches men to develop themselves and their art, not for the sake of art itself, but as a means of enriching the lives of others.



Sigma Beta Delta

Sigma Beta Delta Honor Society for students in business, management, and administration serves institutions which offer baccalaureate and graduate degrees in business, management, and administration where the institution holds institutional accreditation from one of the regional accrediting bodies but not specialized accreditation in business.

Sigma Delta Pi

Sigma Delta Pi Honorary Fraternity for Spanish majors and those with interest in the language and culture.

Sigma Tau Delta

The Sigma Tau Delta is a national English honor society whose purpose is to further the studies of the English field.

Interest ...

American Chemical Society

The American Chemical Society is a national organization for students interested in chemistry. It helps interested students become more involved in chemistry studies and in the community and helps students network through the professional community.

Citrus & Environment Horticulture Club

The Citrus and Enviornmental Horticulture Club promotes students' interests in the citrus department and provides them with the opportunities to meet professional in the industry.

Commuter Student Association

The Commuter Student Association at Florida Southern College is one of the largest organizations on campus serving almost 50% of the total student population. This organization provides opportunity for commuting students to socialize among other each other and become more involved with the FSC community.

Precious Pearls

Precious Pearls, a chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha is a sisterhood composed of women who have consciously chosen this affiliation as a means of self-fulfillment through volunteer service.

Toastmasters International

Toastmasters International is an organization dedicated to improving colleeiates communication skills. It helps members lose their fears of public speaking and learn skills that will help them be more successful in whatever career path they choose.



Thank you to Toastmasters International for picture submission.

Media ...

Cantilevers

Cantilevers is FSC's literary magazine, which annually publishes the poetry, short fiction, and art from FSC students, alumni, faculty, and staff.

Professional ...

Advertising Federation

The American Advertising Federation protects and promotes the well being of the advertising industry.

We accomplish this through a unique nationally coordinated grassroots network of advertisers, agencies, media companies, local advertising accomplished these goals by political lobbying, performing non-profit public service activities and education our community.



Catherine Morgan, David Cahill,
Rex Wilson, Vincent Huff and
Christina Martinez
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Institution Of Management Accountants

The Institution Of Management Accountants provides to members personal and professional development opportunities in management accounting, financial management and information management through education and association with business professionals and certification in management accounting and financial management.

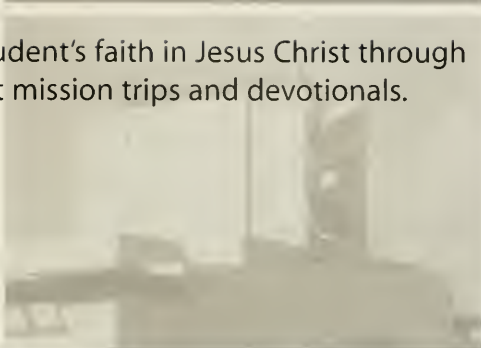
ProMotion

ProMotions is the student chapter of the Florida Public Relation Association. They promote professional excellence among Public Relations majors.

Religious ...

Antioch 2 Ministries

Antioch 2 Ministries helps to develop FSC student's faith in Jesus Christ through praise and worship. A2 also sponsors student mission trips and devotionals.



Beyond

Beyond is a Christian organization that encourages going "Beyond" the usual expectations of a Christian.



Reformed University Fellowship

Reformed University Fellowship brings to the campus a heart for God, a love for the campus and convictions that are well formed, deeply held and which allow us to bring a fully-orbed ministry to students.

Sigma Rho Epsilon

Sigma Rho Epsilon is a Christian volunteer service honorary fraternity. The purpose of the organization is to work together in such a way that members strengthen their commitment to lead others to the Christian faith.

The Newman Club

The Newman Club is a community of Catholic Christian young adults whose purpose is to foster a mature spirituality among its members and to promote community service.

Upper Room Ministries

*1 for the Father ... 2 for the Son ... 3 for the Holy Ghost ...
Hallelujah!*

Upper Room Ministries members glorify the Lord through praise and worship, fellowship, and testimonies.

Wesley Fellowship

The Wesley Fellowship is one of many campus ministry organizations on campus. The Wesley Fellowship met each Wednesday as a Christian organization dedicated to Jesus Christ through worship, friendship, service and growth.



Wesley Fellowship members during a worship retreat

Service ...

Best Buddies

The Best Buddies organization pairs people with intellectual disabilities in one-to-one friendships with Florida Southern students. In the past, individuals with intellectual disabilities have not had the opportunity to have friends outside of their own environment. By becoming a Florida Southern College Buddy, volunteers offer a Buddy the chance to explore a new way of life.

Circle K International

Circle K International is a collegiate service organization with a worldwide membership that promotes fellowship, leadership and service. Circle K develops college students into responsible citizens and leaders with a lifelong commitment to serving the children of the world.

Habitat for Humanity

Florida Southern College's Habitat for Humanity chapter works with the Lakeland affiliate each week to build homes in the Lakeland community. The chapter also works to educate the community and fund-raise for the needs of Habitat for Humanity International.



These students show their strength during a morning at Habitat for Humanity Service.

Red Roses

Red Roses is a service organization geared towards women. Their annual fund-raiser, the Red Roses fashion show, raises money for Girl's Inc. that displays modern fashion and music.

Shades of Color

Shades of Color strives to break down all social barriers regarding race, color and creed.

Southern Sertoma

SER vice TO MAnkind. Sertoma's primary service project is assisting the more than 50 million people with speech, hearing and language disorders. Sertoma also sponsors community projects to promote freedom and democracy, to assist youth, and to benefit a variety of other local community needs, as identified by the individual clubs.

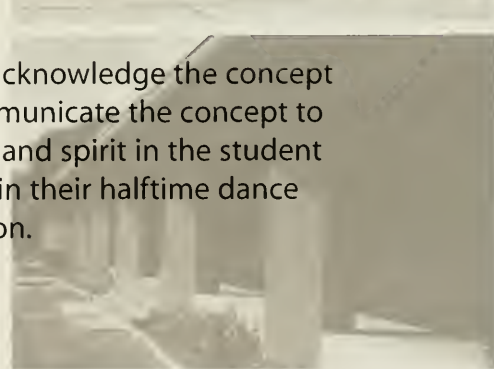
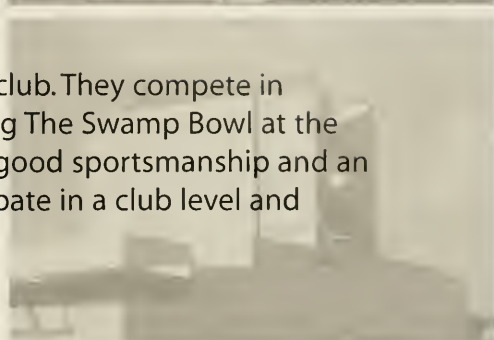
Sport ...

Florida Southern Ludacris

FSC Ludacris is the women's flag football club. They compete in tournaments throughout Florida, including The Swamp Bowl at the University of Florida. The team promotes good sportsmanship and an opportunity for female athletes to participate in a club level and intercollegiate sport.

FSC Dance Team

Florida Southern's dance team strives to acknowledge the concept of expression of dance and works to communicate the concept to others in order to create a sense of unity and spirit in the student body. The dancers usually could be seen in their halftime dance performances during the basketball season.



Social ...

Non-Traditional Student Association

The Non-Traditional Students Association provides opportunities for students who may be older, have a spouse, children, or have had a break in their education, to become more connected with the campus.

International Student Association

The International Student Association works to raise awareness of different cultures of the world found on the Florida Southern campus. Members of the association get to go on a field trip to Epcot, Disney World's theme park celebrating different cultures of the world.

Performance ...

Vagabonds

Vagabonds promote mutual aid and encouragement for students of drama and speech. These students help support the theatre department at the plays they produce every year.



Diana Placzkowski and Lawrence Coonfare

Greek Life ...



INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL



Byron Hogan, Marcus Sands, Aaron Redman, Rich Scierka, Shrek, Steve Alderman, Zach Manguiera and Amanda Caffrey

IFC is a council with representation from all of the fraternities on campus. This council oversees the affairs of the fraternities.



IFC Spring 04 new members

"Dieu et les dames"



KA's at formal.

The Kappa Alpha Order was installed on the Florida Southern in 1958. Its colors of

crimson and old gold have been a memorable sight on Bid Day. The KA's "etiquette" dinner called Old South in a function brother's look forward to every year.

The brother's of Kappa Alpha raise money for their philanthropy, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, by sponsoring car washes and swipe drives.



Steve Kovacs, Brendan Scholerb and Scott Murrell dress up for Halloween.



Chris Katsoulis, Matt Lyman and Greg Madsen at Bid Day.

"Cause I've got friends in low places
Where the -- drowns
And the -- chases my blues away
And I'll be okay"



*"Achievement in every field
of human endeavor"*

Kappa Alpha Psi, Florida Southern's newest recognized IFC chapter, has made its impact on the campus. KAPsi is very involved with the FSC Greek community and has some great leaders.



Travis Bishop
and KAPsi
sweetheart.



Reggie Richardson and
Terence Thomas

KAPsi has a great opportunity to make their letters and colors mean something on the Florida Southern campus.



KAPsi hangs with the girls.

*"Oh noble
Kappa Alpha
Psi, from
thee we'll
never part"*



KAPsi "Bruhs" at USF

"Every Man a Man"

The Epsilon Xi chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha was installed on the Florida Southern campus in 1938. Since then, the brothers of the



Patrick, Zak and Chris on Bid Day

fraternity have upheld their ideals to foster a high Christian standard of life and ideals, to pro-

mote honorable friendships, to cultivate intellectual excellence and to secure for their members the greatest advantages in college life.



Blake, Todd, Amanda, Mike, Ryan, Patrick, Nick and Tim at formal.

Their annual "Water Melon Bust" and Miss Greek Pageant raise funds for their philanthropy, The Boys and Girls Club.

*"On a cloud of sound I drift in the night
Any place it goes is right
Goes far, flies near, to the stars away from here"*



Lambda Chi Alpha's on Bid Day...huddle up.



"The True Gentleman"

Sigma Alpha Epsilon, the "true gentleman" of Florida Southern fraternities, has been present on campus since 1949.

The SAE brothers worked hard to improve their reputation, and they succeeded.

April 2 marked the first time the Florida Gamma Chapter

sponsored its Patty Murphy week.

"And it's a great day to be alive I know the suns still shinin' when I close my eyes"

Surrounded by some skepticism as to how the men of the Gamma Chapter would be able to organize the event, the chapter managed to organize a Patty Murphy week that earned it

campus wide acclaim and respect.



Character drawing of the SAE brothers for their Patty Murphy philanthropy week.



Dusty Dixon during Fall 03 Bid Day.



SAE's at the fraternity Bid Day.

SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON

"In this sign you will conquer"

The blue and old gold of the Epsilon Sigma chapter of Sigma Chi has been at Florida Southern since 1959.

The brothers of Sigma Chi value tradition and host a week of fun and charity work every spring. This week,

called Derby Days, was full of competition among the



Amy Tinsman, Spike Carpenter, Alf, Dan Kish are all just chilling in the kiddie pool.



Corey Jones says, "Wuz up."

sororities and other organizations on campus. All the proceeds raised throughout the week are donated to the Children's Miracle Network.



Shrell Chamberlain, Corey Jones, Todd Parish, Robert Stuckey, TJ Zimmerman, Dan Tarbell, Anthony Alfano at the Sigma Chi formal at Sea World.



"But I know he would not encumber me He ain't heavy - he's my brother"



Gamma Chi's reveal their true identity ...
Or do they?

The National Panhellenic Council oversees the functions of the sororities on campus. As part of a more formal recruitment system, each sorority house sends two sisters to represent them as what's called a Gamma Chi. Throughout the recruitment period the Gamma Chi's help run recruitment and serve as a none bias resource for potential new members.



Gamma Chi's
Becca Benson, Courtney Orr, Ashley Ellis,
Brianne Lyons
Back: Celest Doll, Jessica Kyle,
NoelleDorsett, Sarah Markus, Laura Bozzard,
Vikki Hanover

We Live for Each Other

Florida Southern's Chapter of Alpha Delta Pi was installed in 1946. For 58 years now, the sisters of Alpha Delta Pi have represented themselves well by being active on campus and hosting successful charity events, like the 2003 Campus Hottie. For this competition, organizations entered one



ADPi's sisters enjoy their annual Mallard Ball.

"potential" hottie for a male beauty competition. The money raised at this event was for their philanthropy, The Ronald McDonald House.



Kelly Parker, Amy Tinsman, Melanie Chizmar, Dulcy Mitchell, Kristen Heywood, Sam Douglas and Katherine Doerr enjoy an ADPi Bid Day tradition at Applebee's.

*"You're my, you're my diamond girl
Ooh oh diamond girl"*



Erin Fitzpatrick, Lauren Padgett, Corina Round, Desiree Cruz and Nicole Nagaro at a recruitment party.



ALPHA OMICRON PI

Individuals United Under One Common Bond



Sisters of AOPi enjoy every bit of their sacred ceremonies.



AOPi in "The City", was a great recruitment event.

The Kappa Gamma chapter of Alpha Omicron Pi was installed in 1946 to the Florida Southern Campus. Since then, the sisters of their fraternity have upheld their ideals to promote friendships for a lifetime, inspire

academic excellence and life long learning, and to develop leadership skills through service to the fraternity and community.

Their annual "Fall Festival" raises funds for their philanthropy, The Arthritis Foundation.

*"Oh, what a night,
Late
December
back in
sixty-three.
What a very
special time
for me,
As I
remember
what a night."*



Together Let Us Seek the Heights



Sisters gather at Bennigans for a fun night out.

The Beta Omicron chapter of Alpha Chi Omega was the first of the five sororities on campus, installed in 1936. Since then, the sisters of Alpha Chi Omega have worked hard to make their presence on campus noticed. This year, the sisters of Alpha Chi Omega

*"I've got
all my life
to live.*

*I've got
all my
love to
give.*

*I will
survive."*

worked in hand with the US Postal Service to raise money for their philanthropy, Victims of Domestic Violence. Their first "Omega Odd Couple" was a success, which raised approximately 3,000 for the local domestic violence shelter, the Peace River Center.



Ladies of AXO after "Omega Odd Couple"



Alpha Chi Omega sisters gather for bid day events.

ALPHA CHI OMEGA

Seek the Noblest



Senior Zeta sisters and ZTA Crushes Bobby Sitterly, Ryan Bates and Eric Jennings pose on Bid Day.

The Delta Beta Chapter of Florida Southern College was established 1957. The sisters of Florida Southern

hosted the annual Mr. Southern Competition. This male beauty

"She used to look good to me, but now I find her..."

Simply irresistible."



These Zeta ladies pose at a recruitment event.



Heather Foley, Lindsay Roth, Stacy Koach, Melissa Pilato, Monica Margolis, Rachel McCoy, Casey Mogford, and Melody Brown at a recruitment party.

ZETA TAU ALPHA

*Let Us Strive for that which is
Honorable, Beautiful and
Highest*



KD sisters Rachel Johnson, Lindsay Ritenbaugh, Lauren Belcher, Corinne Lavin, Jessica Toler and Stephanie Lloyd pose before their "Red Hot BBQ."

The green and white of Kappa Delta have been at Florida Southern College since 1955. These ladies have contributed many hours of community service to their philanthropies. Their Shamrock Event and War of the Wings were their main events.



KDs at "KD Across America" recruitment party.



KD sisters Rachel Johnson, Emma Depew, Corinne Lavin, Megan Langford, Laura Toops, Chancie Housholder, Marie Joyce, Lindsay Ritenbaugh and Allison Greenstein out on the town.

"I'm your
Venus.
I'm your
fire.
At your
desire."

KAPPA DELTA

Seniors





Laura Adams



Nikki Alosio



Rebecca Annon



Carolyn Aponte



Catherine Aponte



Amanda Wagner, from Leesburg, Fla., graduated in spring 2004 with a major in biology and chemistry.

"The one thing that makes the blood, sweat and tears worthwhile is passion."

Amanda had the opportunity to do a research internship with Dr. Nancy Morvillo in the genetics lab at FSC during the summer

of 2001. During this time, she was also able to publish two papers from research in proceedings at the Florida State Horticulture Society. In the summer of 2003 she participated in the Research Experience for Undergraduates.

Amanda plans on attending graduate school to study cellular and developmental biology or cellular molecular biology. After she earns her PhD she would like to teach at a small college and "share the joy that is cell biology" with her future students.



Elisa Araujo



Zanetta Barnes



Tracy Bassett



Joy Beurrier



Daniel Bowers



Melissa Brignoni



Melody Brown



Elizabeth Bryda



Cathy Buchanon



David Cahill



Erin Champlain

Mercedes Baker

Mercedes Baker is from Lakeland, Fla., and graduated in spring of 2004 triple majoring in psychology, criminology and sociology.

The time she spent at FSC, Mercedes was President of Psi Chi, the Psychology honorary society, and was also involved in "Paint Your Heart Out", a fifteen-year-old organization that enables citizens, businesses, clubs and organizations to lend a helping hand to low-income, elderly citizens in their community.

Mercedes is a George W. Jenkins Scholar and also received the Dick Burnette Criminology Award. She interned at the Department of Probation and Parole and the Polk County School Board with a school psychologist.

In the future, Mercedes plans on getting her masters in Psychology.



"Break down your walls."



Sarah Coleson



Lawerence Coonfare



Patrice Creal



James Crook



Carlos Cruz



Jamie Daniels



Kelli Delach



Noelle Dorsett

Laura Hardy

Laura Hardy, a finance and human resource major, from Lakeland, Fla.,

graduated from Florida Southern College in the spring of 2004.

Laura's time spent here at Florida

"Build relationships with your friends and professors, and take them with you when you graduate."

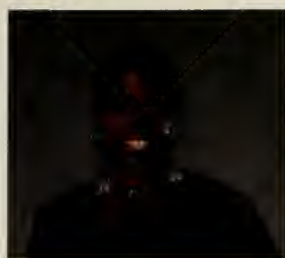


Southern College was busy. She was an active member of many organizations on campus, such as: Omicron Delta Kappa, cheerleading, Phi Eta Sigma, Kappa Delta and participated in intramural activities.

Despite all Laura's extracurricular activities, she tackled the challenge of keeping her grades up to have opportunities like the International Paper Internship and the Smith Barney Internship.

Laura hopes to find a job in management where she can work her way up the ranks. She also plans to attend graduate school.

James Crook



Adele Douglin



Kaylin Evans



Paloma Ferreira



Samer Fidy



Jessica Fletcher



Rita Florez



Heather Foley



Andrew Gedge

James Daniel Crook is from Brandon, Fla. and graduated in Spring 2004 with a major in communication advertising **"Suck it Up and Drive on."** and minor in business administration.

From a family with a military background, James Crook found Army life a natural choice. Having already had six years of enlisted time in the Army, James entered Florida Southern College's ROTC program with a two-year scholarship.

In those two years, he developed his technical and leadership abilities, while raising his daughter and attending school. Crook held the highest cadet position as Battalion Commander in the ROTC program during the spring 2004 semester.

After graduating Crook is required to serve an additional four years, and plans to make the Army his career.



Alexis Crook



Cathy Buchanan

Cathy Buchanan is from Lakeland, Fla. graduated in December 2003 with a major in pre-kindergarten, primary, and elementary education.

Cathy was a member of Kappa Delta Pi, an

Education

Honorary

Society,

and held

the offices

of Historian and Co-President. She was also

a member of the

Commuter Association.

Cathy worked at the FSC Career

Center throughout her entire college

career. A second internship in Fall

2003 took her on a different path to

R. Clem Churchwell Elementary

teaching the first grade.

Cathy plans on beginning

work at Churchwell

Elementary in mid-October

2004, working as a second

grade teacher. She hopes to attend graduate school for a master's degree in an education related field.



Marietta Gibb



Laura Gipson



Hector Gomez



Marco Grangerio



Emily Grey



Allison Greenstein



Amanda Guindon



Christopher Hall



Jessica Hall



Jason Hargrove



Dawn Henderson



Bonny Hibbard

Carole McKenzie

Carole Faith McKenzie is from Bartow, Fla. and graduated in December 2003 with a major in Public Relations and a minor in Business Administration. Carole has a long list of honors and activities here at FSC.

Some of Carole's awards include being a FPRA Golden Image Award Recipient of the Professional

Division and Student Division in 2003. She was also on the National Dean's List from 1998-2002, and FSC's Dean's List in 2001. Carole was a member of Omicron Delta Kappa in November 2003.

For her future plans, Carole wants to represent an organization dedicated to maintaining exceptional professional relationships with both its external and internal publics. While doing this, she wants to enjoy an opportunity to grow, learn, and expand on her strengths.

"The things you least feel like doing at the time are often the things that will bring you the most reward."



Christi Jackson



Abby Johannes



Heather Johnson



Shawn Joyner



Ellen Key



Lauren Kilbourn



Kimberly Kinnecom



Stacey Koach

Laura Waldo

Laura Waldo is from Orlando, Fla. and graduated in December 2003 with a major in horticulture science and a minor in biology.

From May 1998 to June 1999, *"Treat every class as if it is the most important class you are taking."*

Laura was an

attraction hostess at Walt Disney World Resort. She operated attractions, ensured guest safety and satisfaction, greeted guests for Fantasyland attractions, and implemented crowd control during parades. From Laura was also a Greenhouse Manager Assistant for Florida Southern College. In the summer of 2003, Laura had an internship with Universal Orlando in Landscape Management and Maintenance. She had many duties to perform within this

internship and went through

extensive safety training, worked on a

Zero Based Budget Project, and

created a Ten-Year Tree Plan. Laura

wants to begin a career in either

Production of Ornamental

Landscape Plants or working

in Landscape Management.



Kristina Kroft



Jessica Kyle



Rachele Leonara



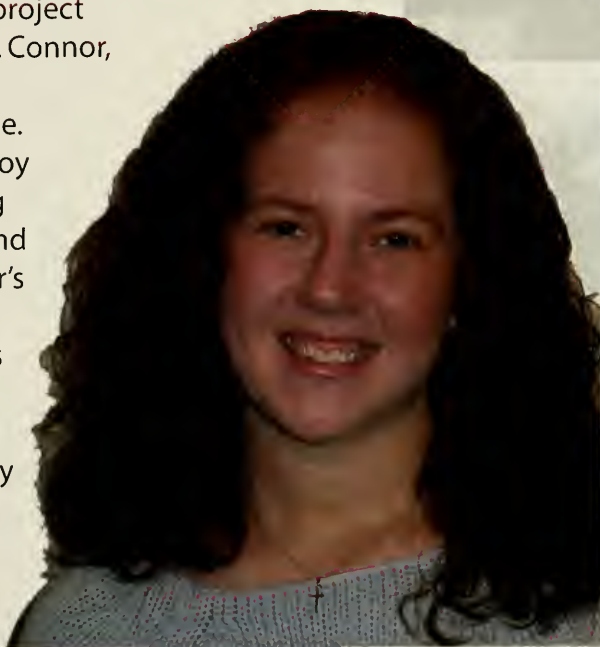
Julie Lindsay

Joy Beurrier

Joy Beurrier is from Stuart, Fla. and graduated in Spring 2004 with a major in English. Joy was very active during her years at FSC. She was a member of the English honorary society, Sigma Tau Delta where she served a term as president. Joy received the John Reuter Scholarship and was the first student to receive the Honors as

an English major. She *"Find your passion and let it fill your life."*

also researched a project funded by Susan P. Connor, Vice President and Dean of the College. After graduation, Joy plans on attending graduate school and earning her master's degree in Library Science. She wants to work in a large university or research library. Joy is also considering a move to France for a couple of years, sometime in the future.



Veneis Little



Matt Lyman



Nicole Maassen



Colleen McClary



Derek Major



Greg Madsen



Monica Margolis



Marcus Marlowe



Christina Marnell



Christina Martinez



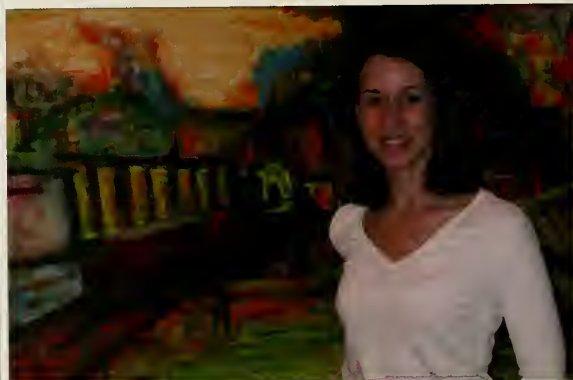
Rachel McCoy

Kaylin Evans

Kaylin Marie Evans from Oviedo, Fla., graduated in the spring of 2004 with a major in art history and a minor in art, history and religion. Kaylin was a member of Alpha Chi Omega fraternity and has also been involved with raising money for, collecting clothing for, and sending care packages to the women at the Peace River Center, a shelter for women who have suffered from domestic abuse. Since she has been at FSC, Kaylin has also devoted her time and interest to Locks of Love, which is a non-for-profit organization

"Find the things that excited you. If you can do that, life will not be monotonous and you will find satisfaction."

that provides hair prosthetics to children with long-term medical hair loss. Kaylin volunteered at the Polk Museum of Art. She plans to attend graduate school, and eventually would like to teach at the college level.



Elisabeth McDonald



Carole McKenzie



Joy Meadows



Cheryl Minich



Michael Montgomery



Mary Moorefield



Catherine Morgan



Shannon Murray



Alvaro Nunez



Kathryn Paight



Melissa Piloto



Brian Pitzen



Diana Placzowski



Jennifer Quivey



Lee Rebimbas



Courtney Roach



Sandra Roddenberry



Marissa Rodriguez



Sarah Rosenburg

Cheryl Minich

Cheryl Minich, from Cape Coral, Fla., graduated in the spring of 2004 with a major in physical education and a teacher certification.

While at FSC, Cheryl was a member of Phi Epsilon Kappa and the Physical Education Club.

Cheryl was also on the President's List in spring of 2002 and the Dean's List for Fall

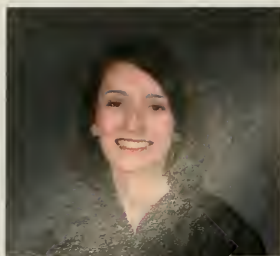
2002 and Spring 2003.

After graduation, Cheryl plans on pursuing a career teaching physical education at the elementary school level.

While teaching she wants to continue her education and obtain a master's degree in guidance and administration. She also has dreams of buying a house, a Maltese puppy and marrying a wonderful husband.



"Remember to always follow directions."



Heather Ross



Lindsay Roth



Chris Rousseau



Laura Salatino



Melissa Scaglione



Laura Scahall



Jaime Scheg



Darbi Shannon

Diana Placzkowski

Diana Michelle Placzkowski is from Orange Park, Fla., and graduated in spring 2004 with a major in voice performance and minor in Spanish. While at FSC, Diana took part in many campus activities and organizations. For example, she was a

Southern Ambassador
 "Practice ... Practice ..." Coordinator, a

Resident Advisor and a

2002 Peer Leader. She was also a member of Phi Eta Sigma and Omicron Delta Kappa, two of FSC's honorary societies.

Diana has received many honors, including the Woodard Memorial Scholarship, the Lee Ross Memorial Scholarship, the Houts Memorial Scholarship, the John Reuter Scholarship, and the Freshman Honor Award. She was also the RA of the Year in 2002-2003 and nominated for Who's Who Among American Universities and College's Students.

In her future Diana would like to attend graduate school to receive a master's degree in Voice Performance.



Tovah Siegel



Aaron Smith



Nate Smith



Aimee Sorenson



Alison Swisher



James Tague



Laura Toops



Erin Upthegrove



Danielle Van Cola



Letti Varghese



Xibel Virella-Regtuyt



Amanda Wagner



Laura Waldo



Samantha Ward



Rex Wilson



Melissa Wingard



Tiffany Winget



Joseph Woelfle



Teana Woolcock



Deanna Wrey

Senior Spotlight Honorable Mention

Nicole Kita
Alexis Powell
Clayton Amestoy
Tracey Bassett
Melissa Piloto

Kathleen DuBois
Abby Johannes
Kyle Magley
Rosemarie Cruz
James Fleeman

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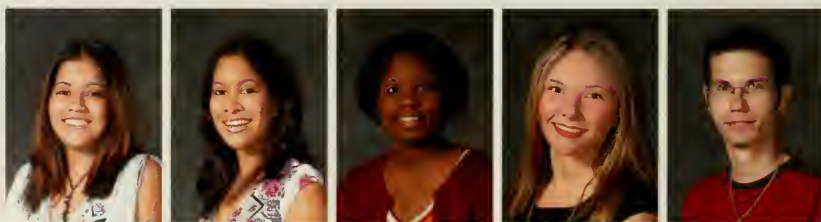
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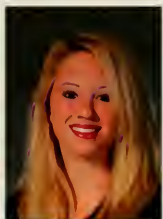




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Excellence then, is not an act, but a habit."
~Aristotle*

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Welcome home!

New Mocs invade FSC campus

By RACHEL AYCOCK

Southern Staff Writer

How many emotions are you feeling right now? Your parents are getting ready to leave you behind to your own vices, and you're left waving goodbye from the front of your new residence hall, your new home.

Now, the emotions are starting to take over. You're caught somewhere between happiness ("I'm on my own!!") and fear ("Ohmigosh! College classes are in just a few days!"). Nonetheless, it's true. You're here ... Florida Southern College.

Welcome!

This year, more than 500 new faces are swarming the campus: about 450 freshmen and 145 transfers — the most transfers at FSC in the past four years.

As of Thursday morning, there were 257 women and 193 men among the freshmen. There were 18 international students representing 12 foreign countries. There were 175 students from out of state representing 31 states. There were 258 freshmen from cities around the Sunshine State.

How's that girl/guy ratio? It's 57:43. That's about average for private schools.

Some incoming students seemed a little scared about classes starting in a few days and about being away from home.

"My aunt is a teacher here in Florida, and she told me about the school," said

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Photo by Sarah Markus of *The Interlachen*

Freshman Beth Figlesthaler carries an armload of essentials into Joseph Reynolds Hall.

Residence visitation hours extended for 2003-04

By TORI HAMPTON

Southern Staff Writer

The Florida Southern College Student Government Association and the Residence Hall Association teamed up in May to help change the dormitory visitation policy for Fall 2003.

Together they persuaded the Board of Trustees to modify the hours to 10 a.m.-1 a.m. every day for upper-classmen and noon-1 a.m. for freshmen, with continued desk assistants. The lobby hours are the same as visitation hours.

The campaign to change the visitation policy began last spring with SGA and RHA distributing visitation

surveys. Most students' complaints ranged from not having enough time to study to wanting more freedom.

After compiling data from more than 600 surveys, SGA prepared a proposal based on the opinions of the students and comparable colleges current visitation policies.

The proposal was first introduced to President Thomas Renschling and Dr. Carol Obermeyer, vice president for student life, before it was brought before the Board of Trustees. The decided unanimously to amend the visitation policy.

The 1 a.m. time change is to allow students to study later and to finish watching the 11 p.m. movie. This way

students are not cut off from socializing. Visitation violations are believed to decrease.

SGA President Cat Tobin said this week that she was pleased with the Board's decision.

"It's something the students have desired and it shows that the Board of Trustees is eager to listen to students," Tobin said.

SGA is required to report back to the Board in one year. The Board could return to the former policy if the residential students do not abide by the rules.

In order for the visitation policy to remain, students will have to respect it. "It's a reality versus a threat," Tobin said.



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OUT FOR BLOOD



FACT

Annual college ratings find a bargain at FSC

By NATE SMITH
Staff Writer

Florida Southern College was named one of America's Best Colleges 2004 by *U.S. News and World Report*, coming in at seventh in the category of Best Value and 10th in Top Schools in Southern Comprehensive College — Bachelor's.

"We are very pleased to be mentioned," said President Tom Reuschling. FSC has made the list several times during Reuschling's tenure. "Once students and parents take the time

to compare the cost to quality ratio, they will see that we are still a good value," he said.

This coming after tuition increased again for students before this semester began. The list price for tuition and fees by *U.S. News and World Report* is \$17,042 and room/board at \$6,050. "Our tuition increased last year because we were still below that of our competitors' prices," said Reuschling.

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FANCY

Dr. Alex Bruce's book explores the myths that haunt the campus

By RITA FLOREZ
Staff Writer

The Folklore of Florida Southern College, by English professor Dr. Alex Bruce, is a collection of stories and legends about Florida Southern College.

Published in March, *Folklore* puts down on paper this college's oral tradition. "When I got here, there wasn't a collection," Bruce said. "Because of the architecture that is unique to this campus there is a greater sense of identity, and it's reinforced by the stories that are told."

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Runoff adds five senators to SGA

By TORI HAMPTON
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association now has a full senate.

After a runoff this week, the newly elected freshman or undeclared senators are Christine Franklin, Malena Frett, and Kristina Sears. Rich Scierka was elected Humanities senator, and Zach Manguiera was elected Natural Sciences senator.

Students had been asked last week to vote for senators to fill the five open positions for the 2003-2004 term.

There were seven freshman or undeclared candidates, three humanities candidates, and one natural science candidate.

Due to the amount of votes each candidate received a run-off election was necessary to determine the senators in the freshman or undeclared and the humani-

ties divisions.

The five candidates with the largest number of votes in the freshman or undeclared division and the top two candidates in the humanities division had to run for office again.

According to the SGA by-laws, a candidate must receive a simple majority of the votes cast to be elected. If no one candidate receives a simple majority, a run-off election will be held between the two candidates who received the largest number of votes. Because there were so many freshmen candidates and the numbers were too close to determine a simple majority, the top five were able to participate in the run-off election. Each candidate who made it to the run-off election was then notified. The run-off was held Tuesday and Wednesday in the breezeway in front of the bookstore. The winner of the election had to receive a simple majority of the votes.



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A weekend for families, fun — and fireworks

By JEREMY MCKEEN
Staff Writer

The annual Family Weekend is almost here and the 2003 schedule is full of activities and socials for all students, faculty, staff and parents.

All events are free and begin with the Annual Shrimp Boil & Chicken Grill held on the grounds of Ordway, today. After dinner, everyone is encouraged to attend the Festival of Fine Arts production "Arms and The Man," followed by fire-

works on the lake.

This is a time for students to reconnect with their parents and gives them a chance to meet their children's new friends.

"The parent-student relationship has changed over the past decade with the use of technology, but the importance of physically connecting with family again is most important," said Dr. Carole Obermeyer, vice president for Student Life.

The weekend continues with ongoing activities for parents and students, continental breakfasts, picnic lunches, and an ice cream social where parents and students will get a chance to win prizes based on how well they know each other.

Junior Johnny Kraus said, "I'm really just looking forward to the time where my parents can meet my friends that they never had a chance to meet the last two years."

Family Weekend not only gives parents

a chance to spend time with their children, it also gives them a chance to make sure their child is doing well at school.

"Parents are told that their son or daughter is doing OK, but nothing compares to being able to see that they are," said Obermeyer.

Even if students' parents cannot attend, the program welcomes all to enjoy the free food and events that make up Family Weekend.

A CALL TO 'ARMS'



Southern photo/Sarah Markus

Lindsey Ruhr and Sean Stewart play lead roles in the Florida Southern theater department production "Arms and the Man," which opened Thursday night and runs through next weekend.

E-mail survey raises concern about privacy

By BRYAN MUNSON
Staff Writer

An unauthorized e-mail survey from a company named CampusWeb made it to students and faculty last week, causing administrators to raise a curious eyebrow at Internet business practices and leaving room to wonder whether this survey was an invasion of privacy.

Two e-mails were sent to Florida Southern email accounts: one to students and one to faculty. Such mass e-mailing must be approved first by the Dean of Students, Dr. Carol Obermeyer, then sent to Computer Services for distribution.

According to John Thomas, Director of Information Services, CampusWeb never requested or received permission to send such a survey. "The FSC e-mail server is not intended to be used for solicitations," Thomas said. "We don't like when people use our net-

work for things like that [because] it takes up resources.

"An instance like this might be valid on an individual basis, because a student has the right to do what he or she wants, but in this case it's not.

"However, companies can run through letter combinations with flsouthern.edu at the end until they get a live email address. In this case, it looks like CampusWeb made some educated guesses about how to reach students and faculty."

On its home page, CampusWeb describes itself as "a framework of web services that support a portal to a collection of collaboration services." This means Campus Web can easily gain access to a number of different services within one program.

The product they are pushing is a version of portal software that help the

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SGA mends finances

By TORI HAMPTON
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association has revolutionized its financial system.

SGA changed the financial system to better benefit the students and the association. With the new system, all organizations are using the same format, whereas last year, each organization was able to turn in their own proposal at various times throughout the year. Now, that is not the case.

This year, there is a form for everything. There are five different

forms for the new system and each form has its own deadline. Form A is for requesting funds from the house assisting funds committee. This form is meant for individual events and is voted on twice a semester. Form B is for requesting yearly budgets from the senate. This is voted on once a year by the senate and organizations must have a checking account to be considered for yearly budgets. Both forms A and B are to request money from SGA. These are the

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'UGLY' TRUTH

Dr. Joe Martin of Florida A&M spoke to this month's Convocation audience about self-improvement. Story, Page 9.

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Wayne Koehler
Florida Southern



What: Advising meetings. When: Wednesday.

By **WORTHY SIZEMORE**
Staff Writer

Next Wednesday at the Convocation hour, every Florida Southern College student is required to meet with her or his faculty adviser to begin planning for early spring registration and class schedules.

For sophomores, juniors and seniors, this is old hat, but to a freshman, this could be a confusing experience.

In order to get the most out of the group meetings, Dr. Marcie Pospichal of Academic Support advises students to

first know where to be and then to actually show up. (A list of advisers and meeting places can be found on Page 6.)

Students should bring a planner or calendar. Faculty advisers will likely be bringing sign-up sheets or calendars so they can schedule individual advising meetings.

Students should already be thinking about which courses they need to take. The group meetings provide a chance to talk with advisers and more experienced students about courses to take.

During the meeting, students receive Spring 2004 course booklets that list all offerings, along with day and time of meeting.

After the group meetings, but before individual meetings with advisers, students should try to work out scheduling options with flexibility. The individual meetings provide a chance for students to talk everything over with a faculty adviser to arrange a possible schedule. Actual course selection and registration is done online. Registration periods are staggered

according to the number of credits earned, so not all courses may be available by the time some students are permitted to register.

So what you are blocked from registering? Don't panic. The registration system usually offers a reason why a student cannot register.

One reason may be failure to meet the adviser; these meetings are simply mandatory.

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Photo by Wayne Koehler/Florida Southern College

Fireworks lit up the sky over Lake Hollingsworth on Oct. 10, the Friday night of Family Weekend.

Families throng and thrill to FSC

By **JEREMY MCKEEN**
Staff Writer

It was a record breaking year for the Florida Southern College Family Association's 2003 Family Weekend.

Ordway 162 hosted almost 1,000 people at the Annual Shrimp Boil (two hundred more than last year). Close to four hundred fifty came out for Saturday's picnic lunch, three hundred people for the ice-cream social that afternoon and over 250 returned for Sunday morning chapel.

According to Guest Services, at the Shrimp Boil 325 pounds of shrimp, 12 gallons of tangy cocktail sauce and 200 pounds of chicken breasts were consumed. The line of guests moved through in about 1 hour, 45 minutes.

"I watched with amazement as the Guest Services team worked through the crowd maintaining the abundant food distribution," said Vice President of Student Life Carole Obermeyer.

Obermeyer also went on to say that the fireworks, given to the Family Association by Alumni Affairs, were also a big hit, and that the students and parents were both full of positive feedback.

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The madness of hoop dreams began at midnight

By **RICH SCIERKA**
Staff Writer

Midnight Madness was on the minds of over 300 Florida Southern students and faculty Oct. 15 when they united once again to show that they have pride for their school.

The party started outside at the Pipkin Band Shell around 9:30 p.m. where the Student Government Association (SGA) supplied the student body with barbeque wings and music. Students were also allowed to pick up their "thundersicks" and decorate them for the occasion.

Once student's appetites were satisfied they then moved into Jenkins Field House, where an even more exciting series of events was about to take place. SGA President Cat Tobin

(Junior) and Jeremy McKeen (Senior) were the MC's for the night. They first got the crowd going by introducing both basketball teams. Each player was given a chance to show their stuff as they entered the court with a basketball.

Blake Williams (sophomore) who is a new addition to the FSC Basketball team says, "I was amazed...being a midweek week and all. I didn't know what to expect. It was awesome to see so many people out there." And for the players that have been here a little longer, Clay Zelazowski (Senior), is no stranger to the FSC Basketball community, was also amazed and appreciative. "It was a big improvement from last year, the atmosphere was perfect, and it brought the teams even closer together."

"It was a great start to the basketball season. Midnight Madness showed that spirit is higher this year than it has been in a while," says McKeen.

Following introductions performances were made by the FSC Cheerleading Squad, The FSC Dance Team, and the new dance team. Rated Next, FSC Dance Team Captain Melody Brown (Senior) commented, "It was so great to perform in front of so many people, the huge crowd got us even more excited to dance. I hope there are that many people every game." This is Brown's third year on the dance team.

The crowd was also invited to put on a show for the teams by participating in events such as: dizzy bar race, 3 point shoot-out, and the Senior Challenge, where two guys

and two girls were picked from the crowd to take on Chris Brooks and Brook Kohlheim in a 2 v 1 game.

The men's and women's basketball teams kept the crowd enticed by playing in a guys versus girls game. Later in the night, the men were finally able to go wild in a slam dunk contest.

The event ended around 12:30am and even then people still lingered to enjoy the energetic environment. Freshman Buck Schaefer said, "This was awesome! It is always this exciting! I am looking forward to a great season."

The first home game for the men's Wednesday Nov. 5 at 7:30p.m. against Tampa Bay Baseline. For the women, Saturday Nov. 15 at 7:30p.m. against Arkansas Tech.



Gays get gouged, 18 vote 'no'

By **Tori Hampton**
Staff Writer

Common Ground was not approved by the House of Representatives at the Nov. 5 Student Government Association meeting.

There was a lot of controversy surrounding this organization being approved. Common Ground had been presented at the previous SGA meeting, but was tabled according to the Oct. 22 house meeting minutes. Tabled means that a motion was made to allow the presenters to regroup and present their proposal at the next meeting.

The main reason that Common Ground was tabled was because the house wondered if there would be an interest on campus. Common Ground was going to have as their purpose statement to be "a partnership that provides a safe place for all human beings regardless of sexual orientation, sexual preference, sexual identity, gender, race, creed, nationality, ethnicity, disability, religion, age, or any other difference."

The students who presented the organization to the house were senior, Larry Coonfare and freshman, AnaCristina Deschamps. They began their proposal with their purpose statement and then correlated their purpose statement to the mission statement of Florida Southern College, which states, "For more than a century, the pri-

mary mission of Florida Southern College has been to provide students with superior, value-based educational opportunities. The College endeavors to stimulate disciplined thinking and the love of learning, reflect Judeo-Christian values and ideals, cultivate the development of the whole person, promote an atmosphere of international and intercultural understanding, encourage responsible citizenship and prepare students for meaningful lives and vocations."

After the representatives for the group were done with their proposal the floor was open for discussion. The question of a need or reason for this group on FSC campus was brought up again; the immediate necessity of the club was not understood by some house members. "The purpose of the club is to promote understanding of issues pertaining to sexual orientation," said Coonfare.

Some members argued that no hate crime incidents occurred on campus, so there was no need to have such an organization. "We don't have to wait for something (bad) to happen, if we keep ignoring that there is a huge population of gays and lesbians on campus, something could happen," said senior, Lauren Holley.

According to the purpose statement, the primary topics for the organization would have

"evolved around sexual orientation or preference, gender or orientation based discrimination, sexual orientation education, social issues and celebration of all kinds of diversity on campus and in the community." With this statement in hand, some students felt that the need for another club that dealt with diversity was minuscule.

Nerlyn Etienne, sophomore, suggested that Common Ground be made a branch of Shades of Color. Ellen Key, senior, countered the statement by saying that they could make Common Ground a branch of many different organizations. Stephen Kissinger, senior, felt that a lot of organizations have overlapping purposes. "I don't understand why an organization that deals with diversity is arguing against another club dealing with diversity," said Kissinger.

Junior, Rich Scierka, was more concerned with the nature of the issues and whether Common Ground was prepared to handle such hot topics. Scierka also raised the question of how the group would handle any escalated discussions that could occur at their meetings and in what ways would FSC campus benefit from the organization.

Coonfare responded by saying that they have two advisers who are prepared to facilitate the

meetings. As far as how FSC campus will benefit, Coonfare said, "These are life issues, why not talk about them here in college where it is a place to learn?"

After the discussion was brought to a close, a motion was brought to the floor to vote. In this instance, SGA used a closed ballot rather than the usual yay or nay vote. The representatives voted, and the votes were tallied. In order to become an organization Common Ground would have had to receive a two-thirds vote.

There were 49 representatives at the meeting and 29 voted yes, 18 voted no and 2 abstained. Common Ground did not receive a two-thirds vote from the house, and therefore were not passed as a campus organization.

"People did not understand the purpose of Common Ground, and were reading into it," said Coonfare. "The purpose of Common Ground was to promote tolerance and understanding."

"I feel empowered by the number of people who voted yes for Common Ground," Coonfare said. "I feel sad that it was not passed, but I will continue to push for Common Ground or an organization of its nature." Coonfare plans to propose Common Ground to the house again.

Mass destruction Equals Mass appeal

By **Bryan Munson**
Staff Writer

Florida Southern professor of Military Science, Lt. Col. George Simon, held a weapons of mass destruction forum on Oct. 29.

Simon not only defined weapons of mass destruction, but also raised some new questions about their impact on society and the ethics involved in using them.

With the war in Iraq over and the rebuilding process pushing forward, critics of the war are wondering where the weapons of mass destruction (WMD) actually are. Although it is one of the main reasons the United States used in going to war, repeated searches for these WMD have turned up nothing.

The U.S. government insists that they are somewhere in the country and represent serious danger in the wrong hands. "Dealing with WMD is a very personal issue that we in the military have to face on a daily basis," Simon said. "It is a very real threat."

Officially classified as weapons with "a high order of destruction, used to destroy large numbers of people," WMD can take several forms. A WMD can be either a substance with a large explosive quality, or a weapon containing radiological, chemical, biological, or nuclear elements, Simon said.

The most powerful of all WMD is the nuclear bomb. First used in Japan during World War II, a nuclear bomb is less of a worry to civilians than any other WMD. It is highly unlikely to see in non-military circles unless a

country sells it to a terrorist, Simon said.

The Bush Administration maintained that with Saddam Hussein holding power in Iraq, it was possible he might be able to produce a weapon like this and sell it to an American enemy, for instance Osama Bin Laden and the Al Qaeda terrorist network.

"If it weren't so deadly, you could almost say that this (the mushroom cloud) is a pretty picture," Simon said. "But this weapon is the most devastating weapon humanity has ever created. The sheer power in something that size is unthinkable."

The group that sponsored the forum, Consilience, is a group dedicated to the dialogue between science and religion. It was also sponsored by Phi Eta Sigma, the FSC Chapter of the American Chemical Society, the Philosophy Club, and Theta Chi Beta, the Religion Honorary Society.

Members from each group were present and the questions posed reflected each of their interests. Simon was asked when is it alright to kill, and how to equate advances in science with ethics. His answer posed exactly the question that the forum was trying to answer.

"If you are in the army, you have to buy into what we are doing," he said. "These weapons are designed to kill a large number of people. Killing is wrong. But you have to ask yourself - when is it justified to do so?"

For more information on Consilience, contact the Religion Department in Edge Hall at 690-4180.

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Photo by Rita Florez/ Southern Staff

Children from the Florida Southern Pre-school Lab went trick-or-treating around campus on Oct. 31. See story and picture, Page 6.

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Moccasin Battalion gets some target practice

By Bryan Munson
Staff Writer

As part of a routine lab exercise, Florida Southern's ROTC arm, the Moccasin Battalion, engaged in a field training drill this past Wednesday, intended to prepare them for combat situations while on patrol, much like the ones familiar in Iraq since the war's end.

The techniques the men and women are learning are essential, according to Lt. Col. George Simon, and have a more effective practical application on the ground, as opposed to in a classroom where cadets only get to look at the theory behind the maneuvers.

"Our program here is aimed at building leadership skills," Simon said. "The seniors instruct the underclassmen, and through their learning of infantry tactics, they are able to become more effective thinkers and leaders."

The Moccasin went through several scenarios designed to test a leader's ability to

make decisions. A roadblock was erected by a "hostile force," and the company had to decide the right way to deal with the individuals at the block and get through them without anyone losing their lives. In another situation the company walked along in formation when two rebels with concealed grenades emerged from hiding, with the intent on blowing as many people up as they could. A third situation had the soldiers learning how to deal with the media.

These drills were part of the cadets rehearsing what are called presence patrols, which is when a U.S. military force is called upon to patrol an area in an effort to keep the peace.

Included in that is the reconnaissance of information before the company could move ahead, and the planning consideration in how to deal with whatever lay ahead of them. In acting out these scenarios, the cadets were able to get a feel for what is and isn't a threat, and how to effectively deal with insurgents and rebels.

Bring a friend to FSC, get a scholarship

By Tori Hampton
Staff Writer

The Admissions department created the Peer Recruitment Program, a program that will allow students to have an impact on FSC and receive a \$300 book credit at the Florida Southern College Bookstore.

The idea of the program was first brought up by a trustee, as a way to get students involved with the admission process of FSC.

Admissions department feels that if they allow the quality FSC students to name future students, they will get nothing but the best. Students must nominate candidates, in card located in the Admissions Office.

The prospective student then must apply for admission to the college by Feb. 1. If the nominee is offered admission and their deposit is paid by May 1, then the person who nominated him will receive a \$300 credit at the FSC Bookstore for the Fall

2004 semester.

The admissions department said the current students know what type of person will do well in the Florida Southern environment. The idea for this program came from a trustee and was taken on by the admissions department.

"We're excited to take advantage of the enthusiasm of students," said Barry Connors, assistant director of admissions.

This recruitment program will allow students to help choose their own classmates, and get a bonus in return. Book costs are generally a problem for students, and the admissions department kept that in mind when they worked on this idea.

Essentially the recruited students will pay for the program.

The first year of the Peer Recruitment Program will serve as a test to whether to maintain the program.

For more information, stop by the admissions office or call (863) 680-4131.

Vandals terrorize Publix Commons

By Jonathan Berkenfield
Staff Writer

Late on Nov. 7, three Florida Southern students were egged, a door was badly damaged, and a dorm window was broken in.

Matthew Hardwick and Brad De Hart were walking De Hart's girlfriend to her dorm. The FSC trio was followed near the Publix Commons building by five young men, who appeared to be high school students. The FSC students had eggs hurled at them by the larger group.

The group of five was also seen inside Publix Commons 62 drinking alcohol.

Lauren Fitzpatrick, a resident, witnessed the group inside her building. After some private debating, she determined that the group did not appear to be FSC students.

Around 3 a.m. Fitzpatrick's window was broken in. No one saw the face of the vandal, but Fitzpatrick's neighbor saw a tall, shadowy figure fleeing the scene.

It is believed the group of young men entered the dorm via its damaged door; the front door of Publix Commons 62

could simply be pulled open.

"The door has been damaged since the beginning of the year," said Fitzpatrick. "We liked that it was open because we didn't need our card."

According to Cary Murphy, director of student life, both students and guests pulling on the doors damaged them. The constant pulling causes damage to the handles and locking mechanisms.

"I know our students and their guests continually prop open the doors,"

Murphy said. "They don't want to have to walk back downstairs to let their friends or the pizza man in, but if your friend can get in, so can the thief and the vandal and the rapist."

There is no estimated damage cost yet, but it is possible that the residents of the dorm may be held responsible for the cost of repairs. This is stated in the student handbook. "Failure to respect FSC property and any other property which is not your own is prohibited. Residents may be assessed restitution for any damages found."

If you have any information regarding the vandals please contact the safety office at x4125.

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Student's health restored

BY JEREMY MCKEEN

Staff Writer

Florida Southern College Junior, Christina Leon, finally returned to classes after a 17-day absence due to viral meningitis.

Monday, Dec. 8 was Leon's first return to class since Nov. 21, the day before she began showing symptoms. Early on Nov. 22, Leon woke with a serious migraine headache that lasted throughout the day. "I thought it was merely just a bad headache, until I threw-up twice that night," said Leon.

She was then taken to the Emergency Room of Lakeland Regional Medical Center Saturday night with a temperature of 102. The doctors first treated her with some over-the-counter headache medicine and waited an hour to see if the pills would take the pain away.

However, Leon still felt extremely ill, and early Sunday morning they performed a spinal epidural test, which required a needle to be injected into her

spine to check the fluid for meningitis.

"I was scared, yet I had much support from family and friends," said Leon.

The results came back positive for viral meningitis. The fluid that was drawn was clear; if it had been cloudy the chances that her meningitis was bacterial would have increased.

Leon was then admitted into the hospital. There is no complete treatment for the virus; it simply must take its course.

Leon rested for three days and was released on Nov. 26. After just a day, her headaches occurred again because spinal fluid was slowly leaking from the small needle hole in her lower spine.

Leon attempted to check back into the Emergency Room on Thursday night, however the desk assistant gave Leon some headache medicine and sent her home. Over the next four days, Leon attempted to be re-admitted into the hospital, but because of various complications with the Medical Center, she could not be seen until Tuesday.

"I could not believe how horrible the procedure was to try and be re-admitted into the Lakeland Regional Medical Center. My mom had to make an adamant call just get me to see the doctor again," said Leon.

Tuesday night Leon was re-admitted into the hospital and the doctor performed a blood patch procedure. This procedure re-distributes her own blood back into the small opening in her spine, which was causing her post-epidural headaches. The doctor assured her that this would clear her of all pain, and Leon was released again Wednesday night. Since then, she has been completely cleared of all symptoms.

Her professors encouraged her throughout her absences and have opted to make any necessary arrangements to make up work and assure a positive turnout in her course work. "My teachers have been very supportive through this something that you probably wouldn't find at a bigger institution," said Leon.

World AIDS Day observed at FSC

BY TORI-ANN HAMPTON

Senior Staff Writer

On Dec. 1 Florida Southern College teamed up with Friends-Together to help recognize World AIDS Day.

Students of Professor William Gregory and Dr. Susan Opt, both in the Communication department, worked alongside Friends-Together founder, Cathy Robinson-Pickett, throughout the day to raise awareness among FSC students and the Lakeland community about HIV/AIDS. The Communication department was not the only part of FSC that got involved with World AIDS Day; the Wellness and Counseling Centers also played a part in the planning of the events. Student organizations such as AdFed and FPR also helped in recognizing World AIDS Day.

Professor Gregory has been an advocate for AIDS awareness since 1983. After listening to a man talk about losing his family to the virus, Gregory resolved to educate people about the disease. Gregory decided that, "no matter who I talked to, they would know everything I know about AIDS." From that point, Gregory has raised AIDS awareness in every class he has taught.

Gregory met Cathy Robinson-Pickett doing just that. He was the front man in getting the AIDS Quilt brought to the Florida Southern campus, and the woman bringing the quilt was Robinson-Pickett.

Robinson-Pickett is one of the

ration's top speakers on HIV/AIDS and the co-founder of Friends-Together, along with her husband, Steve Pickett. She contracted the disease after a sexual assault, and has dedicated her life to helping people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. Robinson-Pickett was featured in the May 19, 2003 issue of People Magazine. She was named as one of five "angels" worldwide for doing the most to promote AIDS awareness and education.

After their meeting, Gregory began working with Friends-Together and since then they have helped raise HIV/AIDS awareness not only at Florida Southern, but also throughout the United States.

World AIDS Day consisted of various events throughout the day. About 30 people were tested for HIV and more than 170 people stopped by the tent for information. "It's very important that students realized that this is an important issue," said Nicole Clayton, advertising major. "It's an important cause that in some way will affect them in the future." The students of FSC were also involved. Some competed in the Sidewalk Chalk Contest, which the Kappa Delta sorority won, and 300 plus signs were posted throughout the campus and around Lake Hollingsworth with facts about HIV/AIDS. Students began volunteering at 6:30 a.m. by putting the signs up around the lake and campus.

The events on Dec. 1 were going



Photo by Sarah Marcus/Florida Southern College

well, until an incident with a Lakeland resident occurred. A woman walking around the lake found the signs offensive and began pulling them up. A bystander then warned Robinson-Pickett and her crew and they began putting the signs back up. "It's a shame someone was going around the lake and taking down the posters," said Vinny Huff, senior advertising major.

Although this incident occurred, it did not slow down the events planned. Everything went as scheduled and was even more successful than last year. "Everything has grown since last year," said Gregory. "I think it gets better and better every year," said Huff.

The evening ended with a candle light vigil in remembrance of victims of HIV/AIDS, but that is not where the work of Robinson-Pickett and Gregory ended. AdFed is helping with the Christmas toy drive and has helped Friends-Together with their Halloween carnival by making

carnival games. Students get so involved with Friends-Together that they even help out with their summer camps. Nicole Clayton worked with one of their programs over the summer and said, "I did the very first camp, and by the end everyone was truly family. Since then, I have really been attached."

This was the fifth year that World AIDS Day was held on the Florida Southern campus. Robinson-Pickett expressed that the events of Dec. 1 came on account of, "the real involvement of the kids." And as far as the last five years at FSC, "the last five years have been a big transition, people are concerned and that's important, because it applies to them."

HIV/AIDS has been a controversial topic from the beginning. Luckily, people like Gregory and Robinson-Pickett don't allow the threats or comments to phase them. They continue their work, and keep true to their goal: to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS.



Suspect arrested in Rogers



Richard Zarzar's jail photo

BY: NATE SMITH
Senior Staff Writer

The suspect that was spotted lurking around the FSC campus last semester has finally been caught.

Richard Zarzar was arrested Jan. 13 when campus safety was alerted he was in the Rodgers building. The Lakeland Police Department was called to the scene and Zarzar was arrested on charges of trespassing.

Campus Safety was alerted to Zarzar's presence on campus by Professor Cindy Hardin from the Business department. Several students notified Professor Hardin that they had recognized Zarzar from pictures the Safety Department had posted last semester. Zarzar was actually sitting in Dr. Joan Buccino's class during the 10:00 a.m. hour.

Campus Safety informed Hardin to keep him there until they could arrive to confirm his identity. Zarzar who was issued a trespassing warning last September, was removed from the class and placed under arrest. "I just made sure he was in bracelets on his way out," said Officer Dorothy Smith, director of the Safety Department.

In addition to the incident last September, Zarzar had been on the FSC campus before. Last summer he attended an athletic training camp posing as an instructor looking for some techniques and even paid the \$135 fee for eating lunch on campus. He reportedly asked other campers about a student who was attending the camp.

In an official FSC Safety report, a student in the Athletic Department said she recognized him after

she had seen photographs of him and some of her teammates from a summer camp. The student had recognized him as a former substitute teacher from her high school in her home state. The student also said that she felt Zarzar had followed her from her high school to FSC and was "stalking" her.

The student then spotted him again on campus posing as a student near Joseph Reynolds Hall. After seeing him on campus, the student filed a complaint with Campus Safety.

Zarzar had first come into contact with the student during her senior year of high school. He was a substitute teacher at the same school and began unwanted conversations with the student, including asking where she planned on "furthering her" sport according to the FSC Safety report. The report also stated that the student felt that Mr. Zarzar had been "stalking" her in her home state, as well.

The Safety Department obtained Zarzar's picture when he visited the office to get a student ID. Smith took him into her office to take his picture and then printed them on the campus flyers later. Although Zarzar has applied to FSC, he is not a registered student. "If he comes back again he'll be arrested again," said Smith.

January Convocation day changed to Monday, Jan. 19

BY: KATIE MASTERSON
Senior Staff Writer

The very first Convocation of the New Year will start the spring semester on a slightly different note and day! On Jan. 19, Florida Southern College will hold its very first Monday Convocation in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday and the entire civil rights movement.

Dr. Susan P. Conner, FSC academic dean, said that the Convocation change is not only in observance for Dr. King's birthday. "We could have focused on just Dr. King, but in many cases that's all that happens! We wanted it to be broader and more relevant to [the student body]."

Two faculty members will be speaking at the Convocation, one of which is Dr. Claudia Slate, Professor of English and FSC faculty member since 1989. Her talk is titled "Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things: Little Rock Nine, Greensboro Four, and the Freedom Riders."

Dr. Slate teaches courses in composition, literature, African American literature and Memoirs of the Civil Rights Movement.

Dr. Craig Bythewood, who is the Assistant Professor of Business Administration and has been teaching

Finance and Economics at FSC for three years, will be speaking about "The 'Core' of the King Legacy."

"Dr. Bythewood is certainly a product of the civil rights movement, but recognizes that anything that has to be earned through such hard labor could also be taken away," said Conner.

As a special treat for the FSC community, this Convocation will also include a Benediction from the Reverend Delano M. McIntosh, the pastor of College Heights United Methodist Church in Lakeland.

McIntosh has been committed to human rights her whole life, beginning with her first public action when she was in junior high. She participated in a sit-in at the Jacksonville Public Library in 1956 in response to the notorious Brown v. Board of Education ruling that had passed through the Supreme Court two years before.

FSC's Gospel choir will also be performing at Monday's convocation, as well as a question and answer period with Dr. Slate, Dr. Bythewood, Reverend McIntosh and the African American studies faculty.

Conner has high hopes and expectations for the purpose of this special Convocation. "I think students will understand that civil rights are human rights," she said.

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Will Durrence Endure?



Photo by Tori-Ann Hampton/Southern Staff

Larry Durrence, one of three presidential candidates, addresses students' concerns at a meet-and-greet.

BY NATE SMITH
Senior Staff Writer

Students and faculty had the chance to meet the first of three candidates for the FSC Presidency on Monday, Jan. 19. Larry Durrence, the first of the three finalists for the job, was on campus to meet students and faculty. Around 40 students and faculty attended the reception for Mr. Durrence in the Eleanor Searle Drawing Room.

Durrence who is currently the president of Polk Community College in Lakeland was selected by the search committee, as were the other two candidates. Durrence is a graduate of FSC and spent 20 years on the faculty here in the history department and has been at PCC for the past six years.

"He is very excited at the possibility of working with FSC again," said his wife, Connie Durrence. Mrs. Durrence is a lawyer in Lakeland, specializing in elder law and estate planning, and said she would like to focus on fundraising and recruiting more students if her husband is

offered the job.

"I am very fond of the institution...and I think it has the potential to grow and reach the next level," Durrence said. Although he does not have any immediate plans for the FSC community, if he is selected as the new president he does want to watch and learn. "I want to learn as much about the college first. I want to talk to the students and faculty and try to identify the most important issues," Durrence said.

Both faculty and staff had encouraging thoughts on the presidential search. Jack Stewart, freshman hotel management major, was interested in the prospective candidate. "I wanted to look at all the potential options for president," he said. "The search process is a very healthy process for the college," said Shari Szabo, Director of Alumni for FSC.

According to Lynn Dennis, the liaison for the search committee, the committee will make their selection on Feb. 4 and will then present it to the board on Feb. 6. The board will then make their selection either on Feb. 6, or shortly thereafter.

Convo Sparks Unity: MLK Honored

BY KATIE MASTERSON
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On Monday, Jan. 19 the Florida Southern College community gathered to honor and celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday and all human civil rights in the first convocation of the Spring 2004 semester.

Three speakers, including Dr. Claudia Slate, Dr. Craig Bythewood, and the Reverend Delano M. McIntosh, stood up and remembered Dr. King and the civil rights movement in very individual ways.

Slate, Professor of English at FSC, led her remarks, titled "Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things: Little Rock Nine, Greensboro Four, and Freedom Riders," in a manner that involved the student body.

She asked for the hands of those that recognized the names she listed of punk and rock bands, as well as groups of students that were a part of the civil rights

movement. Slate further involved the audience by explaining the groups Little Rock Nine, Greensboro Four, and The Freedom Riders. She then gave scenarios of each civil rights group, accompanied by visuals projected onto the wall of Branscomb's auditorium. Through vivid description, Slate depicted each scene, making the audience feel as though they were really there in the past.

"You may not realize that these groups...were as instrumental to the civil rights movement as Martin Luther King Jr.," Slate said in her convocation speech. Slate informed the student body that 70 thousand people around the country participated in sit-ins.

Slate concluded, saying, "By showing when our support is needed for a good cause, we too can affect change. Ordinary people can do extraordinary things."

Between remarks, the FSC community was treated to a musical selection per-

formed by the Florida Southern College Gospel Choir. All ten members, including John Utuk on piano and the audience for the third verse, helped make "Life Every Voice and Sing," sound beautiful.

By using FSC's core curriculum for the basis of his talk, Bythewood, Assistant Professor of Business Administration at FSC, gave a very powerful speech titled "The Core of the King Legacy," in which he related every liberal arts class at FSC to civil rights.

Bythewood conveyed that there was a problem with celebrating King's birthday as a black holiday.

"In my opinion, we don't do justice to what Martin Luther King is all about when we make this a black issue," Bythewood said in his speech. "[King] was not about black rights; he was about human rights."

Throughout his speech, Bythewood reinforced that this holiday is not a black or white issue; it is not about acting out in

anger or violence to others.

He said that, as a people, "we focus on our differences instead of trying to separate each other's similarities."

Bythewood explained that coming together as a community, we should "use a day like this to understand someone else's perspective."

In conclusion of his keynote, Bythewood ended with an original poem created just for King's birthday, called "I have to have her." The poem incorporates a powerful yearning for the concept of unity.

The Rev. McIntosh led the convocation's closing benediction. He spoke of King's dream. "As a nation, we need to work toward making [his] dream a reality."

Following the Convocation, a "Question-and-Answer Session and Panel Discussion" was led by Dr. Bythewood, Dr. Slate, and members of the African-American Studies faculty in Branscomb 202.

Car Crashes in the Lake

BY TORI HAMPTON
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On Thursday, Jan. 22 Lake Hollingsworth was swarming with the Lakeland Police Department.

A vehicle was found in the lake Thursday morning. "Some person drove a 1998 Ford Explorer into the water, and then left the scene," said Jack Gillen, public information officer for the LPD.

The driver of the 1998 Explorer was injured in the accident. He is a 28-year-old, white male of Polk County. "We don't have any reason to believe that a Florida Southern College student was involved," said Gillen.

Although there was only one known person in the vehicle, LPD treated the incident as if there were a passenger in the vehicle. For safety reasons, the dive team for the LPD searched the lake.



Photo/Rita Florio

Lakeland Police suit up to dive into Lake Hollingsworth.

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Last 2 Candidates Interview; Decision Could Come Feb. 6

Dr. Anne B. Kerr | Dr. Steve Moore

BY NATE SMITH

Senior Staff Writer

The FSC community received the chance to meet the second of the three presidential finalists on Monday, Jan. 26. Dr. Anne Kerr was on campus to meet students and faculty at a reception in her honor held in the Eleanor Searle Drawing Room.

Kerr, who is currently the Vice President for Institutional Advancement for the University of Richmond, refused to answer any questions from "The Southern" staff about her possible hiring.

Cat Tobin, SGA president, had the opportunity to meet with Kerr in a closed-door meeting on the morning of Jan. 27. "It went really well," she said. "She is very driven and had some good ideas for the campus. I think she could be a good candidate."

Tobin also said that Kerr was different from the previous candidate, Larry Durrence, in that she asked questions to the committee about the campus and students. "She asked questions about things on campus that need to change," Tobin said. "She did a really good job with her research, and has a really good idea about the campus and its students."



Kerr received her B.A. from Mercer University in Psychology, and her M.S. and Ph.D. in Counseling and Higher Education Administration from Florida State University. She was the Assistant Dean for the Crummer Graduate School of Business at Rollins College from 1995 – 1989. From 1995 – 2002 she was employed by Rollins College as the Assistant Vice President for Development and Vice President for Institutional Advancement.

BY NATE SMITH

Senior Staff Writer

The final presidential candidate was on campus Jan. 29 to meet with faculty, staff and students. Dr. Steven Moore, who is the current Senior Vice President at Asbury Theological Seminary, visited FSC to meet with the search committee and Board of Trustees.

"It's been terrific," said Moore when asked about his reception at FSC. "I had a chance to walk around the campus and meet a lot of people."

When asked what his goals would be during his first year, if he were to be recommended for the position, Moore stressed the importance of

immersion in the campus. "I think the first year is critical. You need to immerse yourself in the community and learn the traditions...and ethos of the school," he said.

A big issue discussed with the candidates has been the student retention rate. "Student persistence is the key. In



order to achieve this, students should be focused on graduation or education goals. It really starts at recruitment," Moore said. He also emphasized that there should be some people and policies in place to provide assistance to "those who stumble."

Moore was attracted to FSC because of the "education mission and its vital relationship with the church."

Moore, who was accompanied by his wife, Thanne, has also been the President of the Asbury Foundation for Theological Education, Vice President for Student Life at Baylor University and the Vice President for Campus Life at Seattle Pacific University.

"The Search Committee will make its selection Feb. 4 and will present it to the Board of Trustees on Feb. 6. The Board could make its decision as soon as Feb. 6."

- Lynn Dennis

Search Committee Liaison

Skateboarding Ban Lifted

BY BRYAN MUNSON

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In what was shaping up to potentially become a noisy controversy, Florida Southern lifted a week-old ban on skateboarding when higher-ups realized the handbook already had rules regarding their usage and couldn't change them without an amendment.

The issue, which arose when a campus safety officer reported students skating on the Publix Commons basketball court, was brought before the Campus Safety Advisory Board on Jan. 20. The board, comprised of students, faculty and staff, decided there was enough risk for injury and property damage that the sport needed to be restricted.

A few days after the ban was in place, Eric Black, sophomore, was skating with a few friends when they were seen on a security camera.

"They told us that, as of now, we weren't allowed to skateboard on campus," Black said. "Up to that point, I was under the impression we were allowed anywhere but rails, stairs, and covered walkways."

They met with the Dorothy Smith, director of Campus Safety, and voiced their complaints.

"They came, very respectfully, and wanted to discuss it," she said. "When I had first spoken to the safety officer before the board meeting, there were a lot of discrepancies about that policy

So I wanted everyone to get on the same page, because really, the issue hasn't come up in the past."

But on the morning of the Jan. 28, Smith opened the handbook and, to her surprise, found a ruling already established stating the appropriate use for skateboards on campus: "skateboards and in-line skates may not be ridden anywhere inside the residence halls. Persons may use these devices on walkways adjacent to the residence halls for transportation only (i.e. no acrobatics) and with due regard for pedestrian walkways."

Before the ban was lifted, Black made mention that, if the school was intent on banning skating, they would eventually have to eliminate in-line skating and bicycles. He understood the school's concern with injury or property damage, but expressed his dissatisfaction with how issues much like this one always seem to come up. "There is a small portion of the culture that ruins it for everyone," he said. "It's like that with most things. There are ones that are respectful and ones that aren't. The biggest thing was that they kicked us out of that one spot, but we'd skate there like everyday."

Black had prepared a petition and had been gathering signatures in the last week when he got wind the ban had been lifted.

"I mean now, I'm thankful that they got a chance to look things over and that we can at least skate to classes," he said. "I appreciate

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No Endurance

BY TORI HAMPTON
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[Editor's note: As of the deadline for our publication, The Southern was informed that no decision would be announced for a president on Friday, Feb. 6.]

The question of whether Dr. Larry Durrence would endure has been answered. Durrence, a presidential candidate, bowed out of the race on Feb. 2.

Durrence informed the Presidential Search and Transition Committee that he was withdrawing his name from consideration for the presidency of Florida Southern College, according to an e-mail sent out to the FSC community.

"To have become president of FSC would have been the happiest achievement of my career, but I feel that I am needed more at PCC during the next few years," said Durrence. "I hope I may be able to serve Florida Southern College in other ways in the future."

"Things change," said Lynn Dennis, executive assistant for the president, about the unexpected withdrawal of Durrence.

Durrence's drop from the race was unexpected for both students and faculty.

"I'm disappointed that there are fewer candidates," said executive vice president, Emma Depew.

"My immediate reaction was, 'Wow, that changes everything,'" said Dr. Alex Bruce of the English department.

Durrence was one of the final three presidential candidates who visited the campus. He was an alum and former professor of Florida Southern and is currently the president of Polk Community College, where he will remain.

Email Virus Invades FSC Computers

BY BRYAN MUNSON
Senior Staff Writer

A vicious new email virus is causing a major headache for some Internet users. Many sites across the web have already had to shut down, and the bug has sent security experts scrambling to minimize the damage.

The virus, referred to as "MyDoom," ("Novarg," or "WORM_MIMAIL.R" in other circles), first appeared on Monday, Jan. 26 and quickly spread through a false e-mail attachment. CNET.com quoted F-Secure, a Finnish security software and services company, saying that MyDoom is the "worst e-mail worm incident in virus history."

Though the bug has affected Florida Southern, the network staff has managed to keep the impact fairly low. Network Administrator John Starling and his colleagues have stayed busy pouring through infected e-mails and deleting them.

"What this thing does is overwhelm a server," he said. "That's its goal. Since the 28th, we've captured and quarantined over 40,000 files. Once Norton Anti-Virus or whoever writes a definition to fix the virus, we download it, and can go back and repair or quarantine the files infected. That's what we did."

Though MyDoom is a virus, the proper term for the program is a worm. Starling explained that a worm is essentially "alive."

"When you have a virus on your computer, you have to manually transmit that, via floppy disk or a direct transfer of some kind," he said. "A worm is different. It propagates itself. This particular worm arrives as an attachment and is then designed to do multiple tasks, the most important being to multiply and distribute itself, as it creates a backdoor into your computer."

"Viruses are written with creating backdoors in mind," he said. "A backdoor allows the sender to look inside your computer. Many times, though, the intent is to affect a server and cause a denial of service. If it were to only shut down someone's computer, it would never spread, and that is what these guys live for. There's a whole society out there that appreciates this type of thing."

The virus comes looking like a legitimate attachment from a person found on a user's address list. The name seen, though, is what techs call a "spoof." An important characteristic of the MyDoom bug and most viruses in general, spoofing is when a fake address is made and mail is sent from it. In some cases, an e-mail message may come in from someone the user knows, but in actuality, the address it supposedly came from did not send the message.

The program (in this case MyDoom) that copied the initial person's address list sent the message, acting as that person. Whoever receives that message is often tricked into opening MyDoom's attachment, because they believe it is from a friendly source. The attachments for MyDoom come as .exe, .scr, .zip or .pif extension.

CNN.com also said that the worm is also being transmitted through "Internet file sharing networks such as Kazaa, where it appeared with names such as 'Winamp5' or 'ICQ2004-final.'" Nullsoft's Winamp offers an MP3 music-playing tool and ICQ is a popular Web chat program."

"These worms perform this operation at an incredible rate, hundreds per minute," John Thomas, Director of Information Services at Florida Southern, said. "It causes an overload of traffic and a denial of service for anyone trying to access the site affected. A denial of

Suspect Caught In Lascivious Act

BY NATE SMITH
Senior Staff Writer

A male suspect seen driving around campus last week in a Lexus SUV was apprehended Jan. 30 in front of the Schwinn Cycle Shop on South Florida Ave.

Lakeland Police Officers responded to a call from the Safety Office after Rich Scierka, junior communication major, reported seeing the suspect driving around campus while masturbating.

The suspect had been seen on campus earlier in the week, and fliers were posted by the Safety Office warning students to be on the look out for him.

"I had seen him driving around last Wednesday (Jan. 28) and didn't think it was possible what I had seen," he said. "I thought my mind was playing tricks on me; that's not something you see every day."

Scierka then spotted the suspect again the following day, Jan. 29, doing the same thing. After the second sighting, Scierka then reported the incident to the Safety Office.

Scierka advised Safety that he had spotted the suspect and his behavior and provided them with the vehicle's tag number and a description. "When I made the claim to Safety he was still driving around campus," said Scierka.

Scierka had to make the identification after LPD pulled the suspect over on South Florida Ave. "I didn't want to do that because I didn't want to see him again," he said. The officers that pulled the suspect over asked Scierka if he wanted to press charges and he said "yes."

Scierka was glad to have helped apprehend the suspect. "The officer told me that it usually starts with something like this and becomes something where they start pulling people off the street," he said.

There is currently another flyer posted alerting students about another suspect. He was seen on campus last week by two different people by Panhellenic and near Mississippi Ave. yelling obscenities at passing females. He is a white male driving a black Isuzu Rodeo. If spotted, please call the Safety Office immediately at 4125.

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Historic Occasion

Dr. Anne Kerr Appointed President of FSC

BY RITA FLOREZ
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Photo courtesy of Wayne Koehler

Dr. Anne Kerr speaks at a press conference introducing herself as the president of FSC.

Florida Southern College's board of trustees selected Dr. Anne Kerr as the college's 17th president on Jan. 9.

Kerr will also be the first female president the college has ever had. "I'm thrilled and honored," Kerr said. "I haven't thought about being the first woman president, but it's an honor."

"I think that it's just neat that we have a woman who is chair of the board of trustees, a woman president and two women on our senior staff," said Brenda Lewis of Multicultural Affairs.

Marta Fossi, the director of Multicultural Affairs, had a good first impression of the new president. "I got a great impression of her

when they announced the three finalists," Fossi said. "I thought that if a woman has a chance at Florida Southern, this would be it."

At a press conference Tuesday morning, Kerr said that 20 percent of the colleges and universities in the United States have female presidents. "I think this is just an extraordinary opportunity, and I couldn't be more thrilled," she said.

Kerr, who currently holds the position of vice president for Institutional Advancement at the University of Richmond, will bring to the college "almost a 25 year career and a depth of experience in higher education."

Despite the fact that Kerr lives in Richmond, Va., she is quite familiar with central Florida. Before moving to Virginia, she spent two years working at Rollins College in Orlando, Fla., as the vice president for Institutional Advancement. "I've had a long familiarity with the campus having spent so many years at Rollins; so I knew of its stature," Kerr said.

"I was lured back by this institution," she said. "I had been nominated for other positions, and had not chosen to pursue any of them; so it's this institution I was lured back by."

Kerr's vision seems to be very clear. "All institutions, good institutions, continue evolving every day, and I hope to lead this continuing evolution so that Florida

Southern College achieves even greater stature among private colleges in the nation," she said. "That we become a premier Methodist private college and a premier private college recognized throughout the nation."

To make her vision concrete, Kerr plans to start her presidency by creating a strategic plan so that "we can clearly articulate our goals." After the initial planning stages are complete, staff and faculty will get their assignments, "and then we'll charge forward to get it all done," Kerr said.

Kerr said that she wanted to work with faculty on ensuring that the curriculum becomes more dynamic in order to sustain what she called FSC's level of excellence.

"One of the things is that she seems to have a lot of vision," Professor Alan Smith said. "It seems to me that she's going to hit the ground running and we're going to have a lot more work on our

hands than we anticipated."

Part of being president of a college or university involves raising money. "You can no longer achieve the levels of educational excellence, quality of student life and maintain a physical plant like this one that is so exceptional just with tuition revenue," Kerr said. "We're going to have to do a lot of fundraising, as all private colleges do, and get some external support."

Dr. Waite Willis, the Humanities Division chair, said that when he had heard Kerr speak, she had a lot of energy and wanted to talk to faculty, staff and students to see how they feel.

"She has a vision of making Florida Southern a better place, and I think she has the know-how to do something that is necessary, and that is to raise money," Willis said.

"She wants to develop a strategic plan, get people on board and then raise the money necessary to accomplish those goals," he said. "While money isn't the most important thing, you need it to accomplish those goals."

Kerr describes her management style as servant leadership. "I'm results oriented, a strategic decision maker and I love what I do," she said. "So I think I bring an enthusiasm and joy to my leadership style."

Kerr feels that FSC's strengths lie in the quality of the faculty, the Methodist church affiliation and the college's architecture. Part of Florida Southern College's appeal was that Kerr felt it is a values-based college.

"The Methodist church is so supportive of the institution, and that provides a framework for decision making that is very helpful and very clear," Kerr said.

Kerr also noted that Florida Southern students were also one of the college's strengths. "I have met many [students] who have clear goals and great ideas about what they want to do," she said.

The incoming president said that she would like to be a presence on campus. She said that she wanted to be involved in campus life. "I imagine that student interaction would be the most exhilarating part of my work," Kerr said.

In working with faculty and staff, Kerr stressed the importance of curriculum development. She hopes to work closely with Dean Susan Connor "in what they plan for the educational component at the institution." "With the staff, we will work together on our goals and objectives, so that it's a very natural process of working together to achieve the primary goals we have for the whole institution," Kerr said.

Kerr is working on developing an aggressive recruitment program. She plans to enhance Florida Southern's methods of recruitment, which involve mail solicitation and campus visits. "You identify students who have the credentials you want and work that population very hard," she said.

"You have to make sure the Web site has great information and that campus services and quality of life are exceptional," Kerr said. "It's just marketing all of that in a very compelling way to students."



SGA Amends Constitution

BY TORI HAMPTON
Senior Staff Writer

The Student Government Association has amended the constitution. Cat Tobin, SGA president, sent the amended constitution via e-mail to the student body on Feb. 13. The new constitution was posted in the e-mail and a link to the current constitution was also found in the message to the student body.

"The senate has been working on the changes since mid-November," Tobin said. The Executive Council was asked to come up with ideas that would improve the senate in December. These ideas were discussed in the February meeting.

The Preamble to the constitution was amended to the mission statement to show what SGA is, and what it believes. It now states that the "Student Government Association of Florida Southern College strive to empower, communicate, and promote unity through education and service in order to represent the student body. As members of the campus community, we are dedicated to developing relationships, facilitating changes that benefit students, and improving the quality of Student Life. We will accomplish these goals while upholding the values and integrity of our college." The current preamble states, "We, the Student Government Association of Florida Southern College, strive to represent the interests of the Student Body, leading students toward the successful completion of the Florida Southern College experience."

The title of the student advocate position was changed to vice president of community and public relations under Article II Section A. The duties of the position were also changed. According to the amended constitution, the duties of the vice president of community and public relations is to "be responsible for all publicity of SGA," this position will now serve as more of a public relations representative by being "responsible for all notices and communication of SGA." The current duties of this position called for the student advocate to serve as a "liaison between students, student government and college administration."

The duties of the secretary have also been amended. In the current constitution, the secretary is responsible for supervising the SGA Web page. With the amended constitution, the Web page is no longer the secretary's responsibility. Also, under the amended constitution, the secretary must serve as chair of the senate elections, by-laws and honors committee.

The number of senators might also change. SGA proposes that there be 15 senators instead of the 12 that are currently in place. Under the amended constitution, there will be two senators from a first-year student committee, one from the humanities division, one from the natural science division, one from the social sciences division and "ten senators to be assigned between the three divisions on basis of percentage of students majoring in each division." Each year the percentages will be determined. "I think the Senate as a whole wants to have the best representation of the students and believe this system does that," said Tobin.

The other changes in the constitution were amended for comprehensive purposes. For example, in Article III Section E, it was changed from "meetings will be held no less than twice monthly during the normal academic year excluding December," to "Meetings will be held no less than seven times per academic semester." The same change was made in Article IV Section C.

Another change made in the constitution was that in the absence of the executive vice president the academic vice president shall chair the house meetings.

The final change in the constitution occurred in Article VI Section A. The words "The Southern" were taken out of the amendment.

The amendments must first be proposed on the senate floor. Then one week must pass before the senate is able to vote on the proposed amendments. Before presenting an amendment to the student body, it "must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the voting membership of the senate." It must then be approved by the President of the College, before going to the students. In order for the constitution to be amended the students must then vote to ratify the bill at least two weeks prior to the election. For this to happen, "the proposed amendments must be presented to the student body in written form."

Voting will take place on Monday, March 1 in the Breezeway.

Convo Motivates FSC

BY KATIE MASTERSON
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Wednesday's convocation featured motivational speaker, Mr. Delatorro L. McNeal, II, with his speech titled "The 5 'P's' of Collegiate Success," an Omicron Delta Kappa tapping and a presentation on plans for future campus landscaping.

Lee Oxendine, a sophomore marketing and financial management major, introduced McNeal.

Oxendine credited McNeal for being a professional speaker and author, performance consultant and "rated the number one success coach in the nation" with many different organizations and companies.

McNeal received both his bachelors and masters degrees from Florida State University. He is involved with Toastmasters International, the Central Florida Speakers Association and has been at the Boston Conference.

"He is one of the greatest speakers that has ever toured across this world," Oxendine said. "He has influenced me personally...he's going to give you what no one

else can."

As McNeal roared onto stage, he began by involving the audience by asking them to interact with each other and with him. Also, throughout his presentation he insisted on getting an "Oh yeah!" several times after he spoke.

McNeal used many ways to motivate the audience. He brought out a set of large foam dice in a demonstration of the numerous chances people take every day without thinking first. McNeal said that he tries to coach people to understand what they are

Doing and that some people are living life and taking chances without thinking.

He also spoke about relationships to introduce the first "P" to collegiate success.

Purpose. He declared that everyone has purpose and that everything happens for a reason.

He illustrated this by speaking of Ruben Studdard and how he got to be on "American Idol," how his mother was able to have children and how his father lived through the Vietnam War after he was shot in the back twice and left for dead.

He said that he was born for a purpose: to

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2nd Annual Kissing Booth For SVA: Single Valentine's Association



Photo by Tori Hampton/Southern Staff

Southeastern College students, Steve Piro and J. Pizzy, are sitting at their kissing booth in front of Lake Hollingsworth selling kisses for 50 cents a piece.



SGA Presidential Search

Depew: The Vice Pres Lauk: The Newcomer

BY BRYAN MUNSON
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Student Government Association presidential candidate Emma Depew knows there is always a voice that stands out in a crowd. When elections are held next week to determine SGA's new president, Depew hopes that students will recognize her voice as the one they listen to.

"My campaign slogan reads, 'Standing in Your Shoes, Fighting for Your Voice,'" she said. "I think the best thing I have going for me is my ability to empathize with people. I'm a genuine and down to earth kind of person, the type any leader needs to be. Yes, I'm outspoken, assertive, trustworthy - the other kinds of qualities you'd want in a leader. But really, I think my ability to relate is really what stands out. I feel like the student voice is not being heard right now, at least not as well as it should be."

Growing up in Orlando, Depew, a junior and political science major, was thrust into a leadership role at an early age. The eldest of four children, her siblings would often look to her for guidance and as a role model.

As the years went by, she began to apply what she had learned within her own family to other aspects of her life. When she reached high school, Depew took leadership roles in her youth group, and held the position of director of the executive council (student government) in her magnet school, the Center for International Studies.

"When I came to college, I got involved in Best Buddies and became a representative in the house for them," she said. "Through that position, I got really interested in SGA."

"Sophomore year, I ran for a senator position in SGA, and was eventually nominated and elected as vice president of academics in SGA on the executive board, which I hold now."

Depew is very focused in what she wants to do to improve Florida Southern.

"We've had an extremely productive year," she said. "It's been a real period of growth, both for the organization and myself, but I want to see more."

"One thing that we have to promote is a better system of communication between the campus organizations, which I think will help make SGA more accessible to the student. We are a family in a sense, and steps need to be taken to bridge these gaps I see forming."

Depew has drawn on friendships with several FSC professors in forming her own set of perspectives and values, as well as her objectives.

Dr. Barbara Giles and Dr. Carole Obermeyer, as well as advisers Amanda Gasparly and Stephen Belfah, are individuals she looks up to and communicates with on practically a daily basis. These people, she said, have helped her grow into the leader that SGA needs.

"The current SGA structure is designed for constant change - in leadership, in ambition, and in policy," she said. "Our SGA is in need of a major transition, and I am up for that."

BY TORI HAMPTON
Senior Staff Writer

Student Government Association presidential elections are coming up, and junior economics major, Daniel Lauk, is running for president.

"I want to be an ambassador of the students to the powers [that be]," Lauk said. "I will be a servant to students needs."

Lauk, a resident of Lakeland, has a general interest in the student body, and feels that he will be able to meet the needs and wants of the students.

"My fellow students are my single greatest source of inspiration," Lauk said. "I am their surest bet to having their voice heard in student government."

One of his concerns is that SGA is lacking communication between itself and the student body. "I don't think students really know what's going on," Lauk said. "The president should have more time at convo, and senators should put themselves out more."

A natural leader, Lauk's leadership skills took charge while in high school. He was the president of his high school SGA and National Honor Society.

He is currently the president and house representative of Beyond Ministries, social sciences senator and a resident adviser. He also served as the representative for the Mathematics Association of America.

Lauk describes himself as calm, patient and sincere when it comes to being a leader.

"I'm willing to put other people's wants and needs ahead of [my own]," Lauk said. "I won't stop until my goals are accomplished."

His comments about SGA were encouraging. "Cat has done a good job," Lauk said. "Under her leadership we've had a lot accomplished."

But he also feels that to continue change,

SGA needs fresh ideas.

"I feel like I could be a better manager of student government by delegating the responsibilities of senators in a more efficient way," he said.

Lauk feels that SGA has not had any major problems, but believes that "whenever you reform an entity, such as SGA, there are always going to be problems within the first year."

He also thinks that SGA has improved a lot over the past year. "I think it's made itself more attractive and appealing to the student body," Lauk said. "It's more approachable."

The issue that piques Lauk's interest to become SGA president is working together with the student body.

"It's giving credit where it's due for students who also work hard for the school," Lauk said. "I'm not going to take credit for the work of 20 others or even 1,750."

He believes that when people receive recognition for working hard, they will continue to work hard.

Lauk sees himself as the "key to your success," as his slogan puts it. "The whole reason I want to be president is to serve the students, not to put an office on my resume," Lauk said.

He credits Amanda Gasparly, director of student activities, and Dr. Juan Buccino, economics professor, to his knowing that what he did mattered.

"She [Gasparly] always made me feel that my work was not in vain," he said.

He credits Buccino for his realizing what he wanted to do with his life. Lauk plans to become an anti-trust lawyer for the United States government.

Daniel Lauk, is he the "key to your success?" Voting takes place March 2.

Tobin Withdraws in Surprise Pres Move

BY TORI HAMPTON
Senior Staff Writer

On Thursday evening, SGA president, Cat Tobin bowed out of the presidential race.

"I love SGA and I love helping people," Tobin said. "[But] I can do that without this position, status or title."

Tobin was hoping to be re-elected as SGA president, but as time passed she felt that it was time that the student government have a new, fresh leader. "You have two people who really want this position," she said. "They genuinely care and that's the best position SGA can be in."

With any leadership position comes the good, the bad and the ugly. The role of SGA president offers each of these aspects.

"In a position, people don't know you for who you are, but for what you do," she said. "No one tells us that it's not about power or status."

"This year has been about learning, growing and finding out who I am."

Aside from being the current SGA president, Tobin is also a guest member of the board of trustees, a delegate for Independent Colleges and Universities of

Florida, on the student advisory council, a tutor for Parker Street Ministries, former secretary for Sigma Rho, a former executive vice president and a former freshman female senator.

"My goal with student government was to help show students that we do have a student government that cares about the students," Tobin said.

During her presidency, Tobin focused on building student government through the students.

"I wanted students to know that their opinion was going to be heard," she said. "There are a lot of things I'm proud of - but for one person I do it all."

As for the remaining candidates, Tobin fully supports both. "Either way it's a win-win situation," she said.

Tobin's campaign slogan "Getting Things Done" said it all. Under her leadership, the student government got things done. Over the past year the visitation policy was changed and the 24-hour rooms were completed; two major projects for SGA.

Tobin plans to enjoy people and every moment with her free time.

Sociology Prof Dies

BY NATE SMITH
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A Florida Southern College professor died Feb. 22 in Lakeland.

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Rose at the nursing home. "He was making progress in physical rehabilitation."

"It was a big shocker and he will be sorely missed," Lewis said.

Rose was scheduled to teach two introductory to sociology courses and one section of urban sociology this semester.

After his hospitalization, Plowman took over teaching one of his introduction courses and professor Lili Downes took over the other introduction class as well as the urban sociology.

The schedules for the two introduction classes remained the same but the urban sociology course was changed from Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 a.m. to Wednesdays from 2:5 p.m.

"We worked to extend the deadline for drop add for those students," Sally Thissen, FSC registrar, said.

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